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Docket: UW-082264
Company Name: Southgate Water Company

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Recommendation

Take no action on this filing at this time to allow for customer comments.

Discussion

On December 30, 2008, Southgate Water Company (Southgate or company), filed with the Utilities and Transportation Commission (commission) tariff revisions that would generate \$10,554 (27 percent) in additional annual revenue. The company serves 54 customers in Benton County, Washington. The proposed rates are prompted by increases in maintenance and repairs; utilities; water testing; meter reading, billing, legal, and accounting services; property and business taxes; and, office supplies and postage.

Today's presentation allows customers or other parties to make comments to the commission. No action is required by the commission. Staff will make its recommendation to the commission at the open meeting on February 26, 2009. The company's last general rate increase became effective in April 2007.

On January 4, 2009, the company notified its customers of the rate increase by mail. The commission has received no customer comments on this filing as of January 12, 2009.

Rate Comparison

Monthly Rate	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
Base rate (3/4-inch meter) including 15,000 gallon allowance	\$37.50	NA
Base rate (3/4-inch meter) including 10,000 gallon allowance	NA	\$50.00
0 – 10,000 gallons, per 1,000 gallons	\$0.00	\$0.00
10,001 – 15,000 gallons, per 1,000 gallons	\$0.00	\$1.00
15,001 - 40,000 gallons, per 1,000 gallons	\$1.00	\$1.00
40,001 – 50,000 gallons, per 1,000 gallons	\$1.00	\$3.00
50,001 gallons and over, per 1,000 gallons	\$3.00	\$3.00

Average Bill Comparison

Average Monthly Usage 23,821 gallons	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
Base Rate (3/4-inch meter)	\$37.50	\$50.00
0-10,000 gallons	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
10,001 – 15,000 gallons	\$ 0.00	\$5.00
15,001 – 23,821 gallons	\$ 8.82	\$ 8.82
	\$46.32	\$63.82
		(37.8%)

Commission staff has not yet completed its review of the company's supporting financial documents, books and records.

Conclusion

Take no action on this filing at this time to allow for customer comments.