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Docket: UW-090155
Company Name: Marbello Water Company, Inc.

Staff: Amy White, Regulatory Analyst
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Recommendation

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

Discussion

On January 28, 2009, Marbello Water Company, Inc., (Marbello or company), filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (commission) tariff revisions that would increase the rate for water usage from \$2.97 per 100 cubic feet to \$ 3.13 per cubic feet. The change will generate \$1,568 (2.5 percent) in additional annual revenue. Marbello serves 97 customers near the City of Monroe, located in Snohomish County. The filing is prompted by the City of Monroe, from which Marbello purchases its water, raising its rates 5.5 percent for water usage effective January 1, 2009.

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 scheduled for February 26, 2009. All customers receive metered service. Marbello's last rate increase became effective in April 2008.

Marbello notified its customers of the rate increase by mail on January 28, 2009. The commission has received no customer comments on this filing as of February 9, 2009.

Rate Comparison

Monthly Rate	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
Water Usage per 100 cubic feet plus utility taxes	\$2.97	\$3.13

Average Customer Charge Comparison

Average Monthly Usage (Estimate: 684 Gallons)	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
Base Rate	\$30.00	\$30.00
0 - 684 Gallons	\$20.31	\$21.40
Average Monthly Bill	\$50.31	\$51.40
		(2.2%)

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

Conclusion

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