

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND)	DOCKET UW-091466
TRANSPORTATION)	
COMMISSION,)	ORDER 01
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Complainant,)	
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v.)	
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RAINIER VIEW WATER)	
COMPANY, INC.,)	
)	COMPLAINT AND ORDER
Respondent.)	SUSPENDING TARIFF REVISIONS
.....)	

BACKGROUND

- 1 On September 15, 2009, Rainier View Water Company, Inc., (Rainier View or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) revisions to its currently effective Tariff WN U-2, designated as Fifth Revised Sheet No. 22 canceling Fourth Revised Sheet No. 22, Ninth Revised Sheet No. 32 canceling Eighth Revised Sheet No. 32, Eleventh Revised Sheet No. 21 canceling Tenth Revised Sheet No. 21, Fourth Revised Sheet No. 21.1 canceling Third Revised Sheet No. 21.1 and First Revised Sheet No. 35.1 canceling Original Sheet No. 35.1. The stated effective date is October 16, 2009. The tariff revisions propose to move the company from a single usage block with a 500 cubic feet allowance to zero allowance with three blocks rate design. The filing also implements up-size meter rates.

- 2 In this filing, Rainier View would increase charges and rates for service by approximately \$164,487 (3.4 percent). Because those increases might injuriously affect the rights and interests of the public and Rainier View has not demonstrated that the increases would result in rates that are fair, just, reasonable and sufficient, the Commission suspends the tariff filing and will hold public hearings, if necessary, to determine whether the proposed increases are fair, just, reasonable and sufficient.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 3 (1) The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate rates, regulations, practices, accounts, securities, transfers of property and affiliated interests of public service companies, including water companies.
RCW 80.01.040, RCW 80.04, RCW 80.08, RCW 80.12, RCW 80.16 and RCW 80.28.
- 4 (2) Rainier View is a water company and a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- 5 (3) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on October 15, 2009.
- 6 (4) The tariff revisions Rainier View filed on September 15, 2009, would increase charges and rates for service provided by Rainier View, and might injuriously affect the rights and interest of the public.
- 7 (5) Rainier View has not yet demonstrated that the tariff revisions would result in rates that are fair, just, reasonable and sufficient.
- 8 (6) In order to carry out the duties imposed upon the Commission by law, and as authorized in RCW 80.04.130, the Commission believes it is necessary to investigate Rainier View's books, accounts, practices and activities; to make a valuation or appraisal of Rainier View's property; and to investigate and appraise various phases of Rainier View's operations.
- 9 (7) As required by RCW 80.04.130(4), Rainier View bears the burden of proof to show that the proposed increases are fair, just, reasonable and sufficient.
- 10 (8) Rainier View may be required to pay the expenses reasonably attributable and allocable to such an investigation, consistent with RCW 80.20.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 11 (1) The tariff revisions Rainier View Water Company, Inc., filed on September 15,
2009, are suspended.
- 12 (2) The Commission will hold hearings at such times and places as may be required.
- 13 (3) Rainier View Water Company, Inc., must not change or alter the tariffs filed in
this docket during the suspension period, unless authorized by the Commission.
- 14 (4) The Commission will institute an investigation of Rainier View Water Company,
Inc.'s, books, accounts, practices, activities, property and operations as described
above.
- 15 (5) Rainier View Water Company, Inc., shall pay the expenses reasonably
attributable and allocable to the Commission's investigation, consistent with
RCW 80.20.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective October 15, 2009.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

JEFFREY D. GOLTZ, Chairman

PATRICK J. OSHIE, Commissioner