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Company Name: Cristalina, LLC
Washington Water Service Company

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Recommendation

Take no action on this filing at this time.

Discussion

This item is on today's agenda because Cristalina's customer notice advised the customers that their opportunity to comment would be at the July 24, 2014, Open Meeting.

On June 17, 2014, Cristalina, LLC (Cristalina or Company) and Washington Water Service Company (WWSC), filed a joint application to allow the transfer of substantially all the Cristalina's assets to WWSC. Cristalina also filed to be removed from regulation upon completion of the sale and transfer. Cristalina serves 84 customers near Ravensdale in eastern King County.

There is no statutory timeline for approval of a sale and transfer. Staff will make its recommendation to the commission at a future open meeting.

Customer Comments

On June 12, 2014, Cristalina notified its customers by mail of the proposed sale to Washington Water Service Company. The customers were notified that they may access relevant documents about this case on the commission's website, and may contact John Cupp at 1-888-333-9882 or jcupp@utc.wa.gov with questions or concerns. Staff received one comment regarding the proposal, from a customer who is undecided about the sale and transfer.

General Comments

- One customer commented that she is happy about the possibility of good ownership; however she is concerned about how the sale will affect her rates.

Staff Response

Staff was unable to tell the customer what her rates will be after the transaction is complete. Staff explained that there is still a lot of work to do in this case.

Cristalina and its owner, Ms. Maria Lindberg, are the subjects of four active enforcement dockets that must be resolved before a transfer. The Company provided voluminous responses to outstanding data requests on July 17, 2014. 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.