

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,	)	DOCKET NO. UW-010877
	)	
Complainant,	)	FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER
	)	
v.	)	PREHEARING CONFERENCE ORDER
	)	
RAINIER VIEW WATER COMPANY, INC.,	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	
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- 1     **Proceeding.** Docket No. UW-010877 is a filing by Rainier View Water Company requesting a general rate increase.
  
- 2     **Conference.** The Commission convened a prehearing conference in this docket at Olympia, Washington on September 20, 2001, before Administrative Law Judge Marjorie R. Schaer.
  
- 3     **Appearances.** Gwyn Ann Taylor, attorney, Olympia, represents Rainier View Water Company, Inc., Mary Tennyson, Senior Assistant Attorney General, Olympia, represents the Commission’s regulatory staff (Staff). Contact information provided at the conference for the parties’ representatives is attached as Appendix A to this order.
  
- 4     **Protective order.** The parties asked the Commission to enter a protective order in this docket pursuant to RCW 34.05.446 and RCW 80.04.095, to protect the confidentiality of proprietary information. The request was granted, and a protective order will be entered.
  
- 5     **Discovery.** Parties desire to engage in discovery of information in the proceeding. The proceeding qualifies under WAC 480-09-480, as a proceeding in which inquiries may be made to the extent provided in the rule. The discovery rule is invoked.
  
- 6     **Issues.** The parties discussed the issues that they believe to be involved, and the possibility of stipulations as to certain facts. The parties agree that the major issues in the proceeding will include: 1) whether the company is appropriately imputing taxes to a subchapter S corporation; 2) whether the company’s “ready-to-serve” revenues should be treated as revenues of the corporation; 3) whether the salary level of certain

employees are set at appropriate levels; and 4) whether the office rents paid by the corporation are set at appropriate levels. The parties indicated that they have discussed stipulations regarding the appropriate level of certain accounts, and are pursuing an agreement on those levels. The parties were encouraged to continue discussions aimed at resolving issues, and were offered the assistance of the Commission with mediation or analysis in a “settlement judge” setting of remaining issues in dispute.

7 **Hearing schedule.** The parties agreed upon the following schedule for the proceeding.

Company prefiles testimony and exhibits	October 26, 2001
Commission staff prefiles testimony and exhibits	December 5, 2001
Company files rebuttal testimony and exhibits	December 21, 2001
Hearings	January 14-15, 2002
Brief outline of issues	at end of hearing
Simultaneous briefs	January 31, 2002

8 The parties agree that the suspension period will end May 16, 2002.

9 **Document preparation and process issues.** The company must file any materials already filed in an electronic format. Parties must file an original plus 10 copies of each document filed with the Commission. Appendix B states relevant Commission rules and other directions for the preparation and submission of evidence and for other process in this docket. Parties will be expected to comply with these provisions.

Dated at Olympia, Washington, and effective this                    day of September, 2001.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MARJORIE R. SCHAER  
Administrative Law Judge

**NOTICE TO PARTIES:** Any objection to the provisions of this Order must be filed within ten (10) days after the date of mailing of this statement, pursuant to WAC 480-09-460(2). Absent such objections, this prehearing conference order will control further proceedings in this matter, subject to Commission review.

