

Agenda Date: March 13, 2008  
Item Number: A2

**Docket:** UW-080312  
Company Name: Olympic Water & Sewer, Inc.

Staff: Jim Ward, Regulatory Analyst  
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**Recommendation**

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

**Discussion**

On February 15, 2008, Olympic Water & Sewer, Inc., (Olympic or the company), filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (commission) tariff revisions that would generate \$258,905 (50 percent) in additional revenue per year. Olympic serves 1,625 customers near Port Ludlow located in Jefferson County. The proposed revisions are prompted by higher costs for power, labor, fuel, and laboratory testing. This filing removes the 600 cubic feet of water allowance with the base charge.

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 April 10, 2008. All customers receive metered service. Olympic's last general rate filing decreased rates and became effective 1994.

The company notified its customers of the rate increase by mail on February 11, 2008. The commission has received five comments on this filing. The commenting customers believe the requested rate increase is: (1) higher than the rate of inflation, and (2) excessive. Additionally, one customer commented that the company did not file its water system plan updates as required by Department of Health.

**Rate Comparison**

<b>MONTHLY RATES</b>	<b>CURRENT RATE</b>	<b>PROPOSED RATES</b>
Base Charge 3/4 x 5/8 inch (with 600 cu ft)	\$20.50	N/A
Base Charge 3/4 x 5/8 inch (zero allowance)	N/A	\$20.25
Over 600 cu ft	\$0.0190 per cu ft	N/A
0 to 1,000 cu ft	N/A	\$0.0251 per cu ft
Over 1,000 cu ft	N/A	\$0.0365 per cu ft
Base Charge 1 inch	\$34.24	\$32.82
Base Charge 1 1/2 inch	\$68.27	\$67.43
Base Charge 2 inch	\$109.27	\$107.93
Base Charge 3 inch	\$205.00	\$202.50

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Notes: cu ft = cubic feet      1 cu ft = 7.48 gallons

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

**Conclusion**

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