

Agenda Date: July 30, 2020
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Docket: UW-200592
Company Name: Tatoosh Water Company

Staff: Jim Ward, Regulatory Analyst

Recommendation

Issue a Complaint and Order Suspending the line extension contract filed by Tatoosh Water Company on June 29, 2020.

Discussion

On June 29, 2020, Tatoosh Water Company (Tatoosh or company) filed with the Utilities and Transportation Commission (commission) a line extension contract that would serve a two lot development known as Rasmussen. Costs for the line extension shall be borne by the developer and conveyed to the company following completion. A payback agreement will continue for 10 years on a pro-rata share of construction cost. The company serves approximately 132 residential customers located near Arlington on a water system that borders Skagit and Snohomish Counties. The proposed effective date is July 29, 2020. The company has not filed for any rate changes since its initial tariff filing in April 2017.

Commission staff (Staff) has not completed its review of the company's supporting financial documents, books and records for this contract filing, in which Tatoosh proposes to increase charges and conditions for water service. Because those charges and conditions might injuriously affect the rights and interests of the public and Tatoosh has not yet demonstrated that the charges and conditions would result in rates that are fair, just, reasonable and sufficient, Staff recommends suspending the contract until all issues are resolved.

Customer Comments

Since this is a contract and the contract has been agreed to by the currently affected customers, there are no customer comments.

Conclusion

Staff has had discussions with the company consultant on several issues with the contract and the rate and charges. The company consultant is working with the company owners and attorney to address staff's concerns. Therefore, Staff recommends the commission:

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