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BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of)	
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)	DOCKET NO. UW-010527
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RAINIER VIEW WATER CO., INC.)	ORDER ALLOWING TARIFF
)	TO GO INTO EFFECT AS
To Revise its Tariff to Reflect a)	REVISED AND REQUIRING
Standby Generator Surcharge.)	REPORTING
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BACKGROUND

1 On April 17, 2001 Rainier View Water Co., Inc. (Company) filed to revise its tariff to reflect a Standby Generator Surcharge. This surcharge is to fund the costs of installing standby generators on 30 of the Company's 37 water systems to provide continuity of water service in the event of a loss of electric power. The company serves approximately 11,000 customers in Pierce County. At the Commission's regularly scheduled open meeting on May 9, 2001, the Company agreed to revise its tariff filing to eliminate certain recurring operating and maintenance charges. The Company formally amended its filing on that date to exclude the recurring costs.

2 The monthly rate for the Standby Generator Surcharge will be \$0.61.

3 This surcharge will apply to each water customer served by the Company. This surcharge will expire on May 17, 2016, or upon recovery of \$651,186 loan principal, plus interest charges as set out in the Company's proposal, whichever occurs first.

4 As funds are received under this surcharge, required quarterly reports to the Commission are in the public interest.

5 It being in the public interest to accommodate the request, the Commission allows the revised tariff revisions to become effective May 17, 2001.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

6 (1) Rainier View Water Co., Inc. is an investor-owned water company and as such is a public service company subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.

- 7 (2) Funds derived from the surcharge will support emergency electric generation in the event of electric outages, to assure continuity of water service to Rainier View's customers. The Department of Health regards this as an appropriate adjunct to water system service.
- 8 (3) Requiring quarterly reports is in the public interest.
- 9 (4) This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled open meeting on May 9, 2001. The Commissioners, having been fully advised in the matter, and having determined this Order to be consistent with the public interest, enters the following Order.

ORDER

10 THE COMMISSION THEREFORE ORDERS that the tariff at issue is allowed to go into effect as revised. Rainier View Water Company, Inc., shall provide quarterly reports in a format approved by Commission Staff. Quarterly reports will continue until the retirement of the debt per the tariff requirements. Quarterly reports must be received by the Commission no later than 45 days after the quarter's end.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, this 10th day of May, 2001.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MARILYN SHOWALTER, Chairwoman

RICHARD HEMSTAD, Commissioner