

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,)	DOCKET NO. UW-020618
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Complainant,)	
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v.)	
)	
MEADOWS WATER COMPANY, INC.,)	ORDER DISMISSING COMPLAINT AND ORDER SUSPENDING TARIFF REVISIONS; APPROVING
)	TARIFF REVISIONS
Respondent.)	
.....)	

BACKGROUND

1 On May 17, 2002, Meadows Water Company, Inc., (Meadows Water or Company) filed with the Commission revisions to its currently effective Tariff WN U-1, designated as:

Second Revision of Sheet No. 2 canceling First Revision of Sheet No. 2,
Second Revision of Sheet No. 5 canceling First Revision of Sheet No. 5,
First Revision of Sheet No. 8 canceling Sheet No. 8,
Original Sheet No. 34, Original Sheet No. 35, and Original Sheet No. 36.

2 On June 26, 2002, the Commission entered a Complaint and Order Suspending Tariff Revisions pending an investigation to determine whether the revisions are fair, just and reasonable.

3 This filing adds language to the Company's tariff establishing a Cross Connection Control program and implementing charges for inspections. The Washington State Department of Health (DOH) has established new rules and regulations (WAC 246-290-490) dealing with potential cross-connection hazards

in water systems. A cross-connection hazard is a source of potential contamination to the public water supply that occurs from the customer's own water pipes. To help its customers understand the concept of cross-connection control and its potential hazards, the Company will provide an information notice about the program. To provide the Company with the needed information, all customers will be sent an initial survey to determine the level of potential hazard and, if appropriate, the Company may conduct an on-site visit pursuant to DOH regulations.

- 4 The tariff has proposed that if a potential hazard related to cross-connection is detected, the customers will be required to take appropriate remedial action(s) as directed by the Company to minimize the potential hazard to the water system. The installation and annual certification cost of any back-flow-prevention device will be the responsibility of the individual customer. The Company has provided for customer disconnection from the water system if a back-flow-prevention device is not installed or tested annually.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 5 (1) The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate rates, rules, regulations, practices, accounts, securities, and transfers of public service companies, including water companies.
RCW 80.01.040; Chapter 80.04 RCW and Chapter 80.28 RCW.
- 6 (2) Meadows Water is a water company and is a public service company subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.
- 7 (3) This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on December 11, 2002.

- 8 (4) The tariff revisions presently under suspension are fair, just and reasonable.
- 9 (5) After review of the tariff revisions filed in Docket UW-020618 by Meadows Water and giving due consideration, the Commission finds it is consistent with the public interest that the Complaint and Order Suspending Tariff Revisions in Docket UW-020618, dated June 26, 2002, be dismissed and the tariff revisions to Tariff WN U-1 become effective on December 12, 2002.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 10 (1) The Complaint and Order Suspending Tariff Revision(s) in Docket UW-020618, dated June 26, 2002, is dismissed.
- 11 (2) The tariff revisions filed in this docket on November 7, 2002 shall become effective on December 12, 2002.
- 12 The Commissioners, having determined this Order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 11th day of December, 2002.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Secretary