

Agenda Date: August 27, 2009  
Item Number: A1

**Docket:** UW-091108  
Company Name: The Oak Park Water Company, Inc.

Staff: Jim Ward, Regulatory Analyst  
Dennis Shutler, Consumer Protection Staff

**Recommendation**

Take no action, thereby allowing the rates proposed by The Oak Park Water Company, Inc., to become effective September 1, 2009, by operation of law.

**Discussion**

On July 13, 2009, The Oak Park Water Company, Inc., (Oak Park or company) filed with the Utilities and Transportation Commission (commission) tariff revisions proposing a general rate increase that would generate \$10,869 (10.1 percent) in additional annual revenue through a surcharge. The company serves about 227 customers near Shelton in Mason County. The proposed effective date is September 1, 2009. The company's last rate increase was August 15, 2002.

Earlier this year, the company received \$400,000 under the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act: \$200,000 as a grant and \$200,000 as a 20-year, low interest (one percent) loan. Oak Park will use the funds to replace two water storage tanks that are old and have been leaking for the past few years. The new tanks will provide gravity flow during electrical outages, eliminating the need to install a stand-by generator.

**Customer Comments**

The company notified its customers of the rate increase by mail on July 10, 2009. The commission has received no customer comments on this filing.

**Rate Comparison**

<b>Monthly Rate</b>	<b>Current Rate</b>	<b>Proposed Rate</b>
2009 Tank Replacement Surcharge *	NA	\$4.00

\*Surcharge shall expire on September 1, 2029, or upon the collection of \$204,000 (loan plus origination fee) in principal plus interest and taxes, whichever occurs first.

Commission staff has completed its review of the company's supporting financial documents. Staff's review shows that the estimated expenses are reasonable, the company's financial information supports the proposed revenue requirement, and the proposed surcharge is fair, just, reasonable, and sufficient.

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**Conclusion**

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