

Agenda Date: June 26, 2014
Item Number: A3

Docket: UW-141134
Company Name: Sea View Water, LLC

Staff: Jim Ward, Regulatory Analyst
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Recommendation

Issue a Complaint and Order Suspending the Tariff Revisions filed by Sea View Water, LLC on May 23, 2014.

Discussion

On May 23, 2014, Sea View Water, LLC (Sea View or company), filed a proposed general rate increase that would generate approximately \$18,000 (31.5 percent) additional annual revenue. The proposed general rate increase was prompted by gradual increases of operating cost over the last seven years, in particular costs of repairs and replacement of infrastructure. The proposed effective date is July 1, 2014. The company provides water service to 190 residential customers on Whidbey Island in Island County. The company's last rate change was effective September 1, 2008.

The company has not responded to staff's data requests. Therefore, the company has not yet demonstrated it needs additional revenue and has not demonstrated the proposed rates are fair, just, reasonable and sufficient.

Customer Comments

On May 22, 2014, the company notified its customers of the proposed rate increase by mail. Staff received no comments on this filing.

Rate Comparison

Monthly Rate	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
Base Rate, 3/4-Inch Meter	\$13.00	\$18.00
0 – 4,000 Gallons, Per 1,000 Gallons	\$2.50	\$3.20
4,001 – 8,000 Gallons, Per 1,000 Gallons	\$3.00	\$3.70
Over 8,000 Gallons, Per 1,000 Gallons	\$4.00	\$4.70

Monthly Residential Bill Comparison

Monthly Average 5,000 Gallons	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
3/4-Inch Metered Base	\$13.00	\$18.00
4,000 Gallons	\$10.00	\$12.80
1,000 Gallons	\$3.00	\$3.70
Water Bill Total	\$26.00	\$34.50
Increase From Current Rates - \$8.50		32.7%

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