

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

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND	)	
TRANSPORTATION	)	
COMMISSION,	)	DOCKET UW-020674
	)	
Complainant,	)	
	)	ORDER DISMISSING
v.	)	COMPLAINT AND ORDER
	)	SUSPENDING TARIFF REVISION;
American Water Resources, Inc.	)	GRANTING TARIFF REVISION
	)	
Respondent.	)	
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**BACKGROUND**

1 On May 30, 2002, American Water Resources, Inc., (American Water Resources) filed with the Commission revisions to its currently effective Tariff WN U-1, designated as:

Original Sheet No. 28, Original Sheet No. 29, Original Sheet No. 30, and Original Sheet No. 31.

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

3 American Water Resources requested this filing to add language to its tariff establishing a Cross Connection Control program and implementing charges for inspections.

4 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 customers understand the concept of cross-connection control and its potential hazards, each company will provide an information notice about the program. To provide companies with the needed information, all customers will be sent an initial survey to determine the level of potential hazard and, if appropriate, possibly conduct an on-site visit pursuant to DOH regulations. 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 water 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

- 5 (1) American Water Resources, Inc., is a water company and is a public service company subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.
- 6 (2) Respondent has demonstrated that the increased rates and charges in its revised tariff revision would result in rates that are fair, just, and reasonable.
- 7 (3) It is consistent with the public interest to dismiss the Complaint and Order Suspending Tariff Revision in this docket and to approve the revised tariff revision to American Water Resources, Inc., Tariff WN U-1, effective on November 16, 2002.

**ORDER**

8 THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- (1) The Commission dismisses the Complaint and Order Suspending Tariff Revision in this docket, dated June 26, 2002.
- (2) The revised tariff pages filed in this docket on November 7, 2002, shall be effective on November 16, 2002.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 15th day of November, 2002.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MARILYN SHOWALTER, Chairwoman

RICHARD HEMSTAD, Commissioner

PATRICK J. OSHIE, Commissioner