

# STATE OF WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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February 21, 2025

## NOTICE MODIFYING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

#### and

# NOTICE REQUIRING FILING OF SETTLEMENT DOCUMENTS (By March 5, 2025)

RE: Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Washington Water Supply, Inc. Docket UW-240079, and

In the Matter of Washington Water Supply, Inc. to Approve Tariff Revisions Regarding a Temporary Surcharge for Recovery of Purchased Water Expenses,

Docket UW-230598

### TO ALL PARTIES:

On July 12, 2023, Washington Water Supply, Inc. (Washington Water or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a tariff revision in Docket UW-230598, that would allow the Company to collect a surcharge of \$60 per month from customers for recovery of purchased water expenses. On January 22, 2024, Washington Water filed a tariff revision in Docket UW-240079 requesting approval to collect a surcharge of \$60 per month, for costs associated with well rehabilitation. On February 22, 2024, the Commission issued Order 01/02, consolidating Dockets UW-230598 and UW-240079 and ordering that the recovery of well rehabilitation costs should be determined as part of a general rate case, which was required to be filed in Order 01 of Docket UW-230598.

On May 15, 2024, the Commission issued Order 03/04, Prehearing Conference Order and Notice of Hybrid Hearing (Order 03/04), which established a procedural schedule. On May 30, 2024, Commission staff (Staff) filed a Complaint against Washington Water, alleging the Company had committed five violations of law and failure to comply with Commission orders.

On February 18, 2025, the Commission held a Public Comment Hearing in this matter. Immediately following the Public Comment Hearing, the presiding officer received an email

from Staff informing the Commission that the parties had reached a settlement regarding the Complaint and had reached agreement regarding one additional issue in relation to the surcharge and rate case. Staff proposed modifications to the Procedural Schedule and offered that a Settlement could be filed with the Commission no later than March 5, 2025.

The Commission finds good cause to modify the procedural schedule as shown below. The Settling Parties must file a settlement agreement and supporting documentation by March 5, 2025.

Event	Date (Suspend / Maintain)
Public Comment Hearing	February 18, 2025 (Maintain)
Rebuttal Testimony (Company GRC Rebuttal)	February 20, 2025 (Maintain)
Rebuttal Testimony (Staff Complaint Rebuttal)	February 20, 2025 ( <u>Suspend</u> )
Discovery Deadline	February 27, 2025 (Maintain)
Cross Exhibits, Exhibit Lists, Cross Estimates, and Errata Deadline (GRC)	March 11, 2025 (Maintain)
Cross Exhibits, Exhibit Lists, Cross Estimates, and Errata Deadline (Complaint)	March 11, 2025 ( <u>Suspend</u> )
Evidentiary Hearing (GRC)	March 18, 2025 (Maintain)
Evidentiary Hearing (Complaint)	March 18, 2025 ( <u>Suspend</u> )
Suspension Date (GRC)	July 1, 2025

THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That the procedural schedule in this matter is modified as described herein and that the Settling Parties must file a settlement agreement and supporting documentation no later than March 5, 2025.

/s/ Connor Thompson
CONNOR THOMPSON
Administrative Law Judge