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NOTICE MODIFYING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

and

SETTING NEW EVIDENTIARY HEARING DATE (Set for April 22, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.)

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.

On February 21, 2025, the Commission issued a Notice Amending the Procedural Schedule and Requiring Settlement documents to be filed no later than March 5, 2025. On February 27, 2025, the presiding officer received an email communication from Staff notifying the Commission that the partial settlement would not be filed and requesting modifications to the procedural schedule to accommodate the changed circumstances.

The Commission finds good cause to modify the procedural schedule as shown below. The Evidentiary Hearing in this matter is rescheduled to a virtual hearing before Administrative Law Judge Connor Thompson, beginning at 9:30 a.m., on April 22, 2025.

Event	Date (Suspend / Maintain)
Public Comment Hearing	February 18, 2025 (Maintain)
Rebuttal Testimony (Company GRC Rebuttal)	February 20, 2025 (Maintain)
GRC Discovery Deadline	February 27, 2025 (NEW)
Rebuttal Testimony (Staff Complaint Rebuttal)	March 17, 2025 (<u>Amended</u>)
Complaint Discovery Deadline	April 1, 2025 (NEW)
Cross Exhibits, Exhibit Lists, Cross Estimates, and Errata Deadline (GRC and Complaint)	April 11, 2025 (<u>Amended</u>)
Evidentiary Hearing (GRC and Complaint)	April 22, 2025 (<u>Amended</u>)
Simultaneous Briefs Deadline	May 21, 2025 (<u>Amended</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 Evidentiary Hearing has been rescheduled from March 18, 2025, to April 22, 2025.

The Commission will hold a virtual evidentiary hearing in this Docket via Zoom on April 22, 2025, beginning at 9:30 a.m. To participate by phone, please call (253) 215 8782, enter the Conference ID 831 8393 6170# and use passcode 801553#. To participate via Zoom, use the following link: Click here to join the meeting.

/s/ Connor Thompson CONNOR THOMPSON Administrative Law Judge