

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

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND)	DOCKET UW-060352
TRANSPORTATION)	
COMMISSION,)	ORDER 01
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Complainant,)	
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v.)	
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Gold Beach Water Company, Inc.,)	
)	COMPLAINT AND ORDER
Respondent.)	SUSPENDING TARIFF REVISIONS
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BACKGROUND

1 On February 27, 2006, Gold Beach Water Company, Inc., (Gold Beach Water or Company) filed with the Commission revisions to its currently effective Tariff WN U-2, designated as:

Fourth Revision Sheet No. 21 canceling Third Revision Sheet No. 21.
Third Revision Sheet No. 22 canceling Second Revision Sheet No. 22.
First Revision Sheet No. 30 canceling Original Sheet No. 30.
The stated effective date is May 1, 2006.

2 The filing would increase charges and rates for service provided by Gold Beach Water. Because those increases might injuriously affect the rights and interests of the public and Gold Beach Water has not demonstrated that the increase would result in rates that are fair, just, and reasonable, the Commission suspends the tariff filing and will hold public hearings if necessary to determine whether the proposed increases are fair, just, and reasonable.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

3 (1) The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate rates, regulations, practices, accounts, securities, and transfers of public service companies, including water companies. *RCW 80.01.040, Chapter 80.04 RCW, Chapter 80.28 RCW, Chapter 80.08 RCW and Chapter 80.12 RCW.*

- 4 (2) Gold Beach Water is a water company and is a public service company subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.
- 5 (3) This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on April 26, 2006.
- 6 (4) The tariff revisions filed by Gold Beach Water on February 27, 2006, would increase charges and rates for service provided by Gold Beach Water, and might injuriously affect the rights and interest of the public.
- 7 (5) Gold Beach Water has not yet demonstrated that the tariff revisions would result in rates that are fair, just, and reasonable.
- 8 (6) In order to carry out the duties imposed upon the Commission by law, and as authorized in RCW 80.04.130, the Commission believes it is necessary to investigate Gold Beach Water's books, accounts, practices and activities; to make a valuation or appraisal of Gold Beach Water's property; and to investigate and appraise various phases of Gold Beach Water's operations.
- 9 (7) As required by RCW 80.04.130 (2), Gold Beach Water bears the burden of proof to show that the proposed increases are fair, just, and reasonable.
- 10 (8) Gold Beach Water may be required to pay the expenses reasonably attributable and allocable to such an investigation to the extent the requirements for such payment are in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 80.20 RCW.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 11 (1) The tariff revisions filed on February 27, 2006, is suspended.
- 12 (2) The Commission will hold hearings at such times and places as may be required.
- 13 (3) Gold Beach Water Company, Inc., must not change or alter the tariff filed in this docket during the suspension period, unless authorized by the Commission.

- 14 (4) The Commission will institute an investigation of Gold Beach Water Company, Inc.'s books, accounts, practices, activities, property, and operations as described above.
- 15 (5) Gold Beach Water Company, Inc., shall pay the expenses reasonably attributable and allocable to the Commission's investigation to the extent the requirements for such payment are in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 80.20 RCW.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective April 26, 2006.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MARK H. SIDRAN, Chairman

PATRICK J. OSHIE, Commissioner

PHILIP B. JONES, Commissioner