

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND	)	
TRANSPORTATION	)	DOCKET UW-141134
COMMISSION,	)	
	)	
Complainant,	)	ORDER 01
	)	
v.	)	
	)	
SEA VIEW WATER, LLC	)	
	)	COMPLAINT AND ORDER
Respondent.	)	SUSPENDING TARIFF
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**BACKGROUND**

- 1 On May 23, 2014, Sea View Water, LLC (Sea View or Company), filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) revisions to its currently effective Tariff WN U-1, designated as Second Revision of Sheet No. 21 canceling First Revision Sheet No. 21. The Company filed tariff revisions that would generate \$18,000 (31.5 percent) in additional annual revenue. The Company’s filing was prompted by gradual increases in operating costs over the last seven years, in particular costs of repairs and replacement of infrastructure. The proposed effective date is July 1, 2014. Sea View provides water service to 190 residential customers on Whidbey Island in Whidbey County. The Company’s last rate change was effective September 1, 2008.
- 2 The Commission’s regulatory staff (Staff) reviewed the Company’s filing. The Company has not responded to Staff’s data requests, and Staff has determined that Sea View has not yet demonstrated it needs additional revenue or that the proposed rates are fair, just, reasonable and sufficient. Accordingly, Staff recommends that the Commission suspend and investigate the tariff revisions.

## DISCUSSION

3 Sea View has not demonstrated that the proposed tariff revisions would result in rates  
that are fair, just, reasonable, and sufficient. The Commission, therefore, suspends  
the tariff filing for investigation and further proceedings to make that determination.

## FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 4 (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, and accounts of public service companies, including  
water companies.
- 5 (2) Sea View is a water company and a public service company subject to  
Commission jurisdiction.
- 6 (3) On May 23, 2014, Sea View filed a proposed general rate increase that would  
generate \$18,000 (31.5 percent) in additional annual revenue.
- 7 (4) The tariff revisions Sea View filed on May 23, 2014, would increase rates for  
water service provided by the Company.
- 8 (5) Sea View has not yet demonstrated that the tariff revisions would result in  
rates that are fair, just, reasonable, and sufficient.
- 9 (6) The Commission should investigate Sea View' accounts, practices, and  
activities, and should investigate and appraise various phases of the  
Company's operations to determine whether the proposed tariff revisions  
would result in rates that are fair, just, reasonable, and sufficient.
- 10 (7) Sea View bears the burden of proof to show that the proposed increases are  
fair, just, reasonable, and sufficient.

**ORDER**

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS:**

- 11 (1) The tariff revisions filed by Sea View Water, LLC, on May 23, 2014, are  
suspended.
- 12 (2) Sea View Water, LLC must not change or alter the tariffs filed in this docket  
during the suspension period, unless authorized by the Commission.
- 13 (3) The Commission will institute an investigation of Sea View Water, LLC's  
books, accounts, practices, activities, and operations as described above, and  
may hold hearings at such times and places as may be required.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective June 26, 2014.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DAVID W. DANNER, Chairman

JEFFREY D. GOLTZ, Commissioner