

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND)	
TRANSPORTATION)	DOCKET UW-150311
COMMISSION,)	
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Complainant,)	ORDER 01
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v.)	
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ILIAD WATER SERVICE, INC.)	COMPLAINT AND ORDER
)	SUSPENDING TARIFF
Respondent.)	
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BACKGROUND

- 1 On February 23, 2015, Iliad Water Service, Inc. (Iliad Water Service or Company), filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a proposed rate increase that would generate \$25,141 (31.4 percent) additional annual revenue. The proposed rate increase would recover costs for a corrosion control treatment plant installed and operating on the Alder Lake community water system. The proposed effective date for the rate increase is April 1, 2015. The Company provides water service to approximately 111 residential customers on three water systems located in Pierce, Snohomish, and Kitsap Counties.

- 2 Commission Staff (Staff) reviewed the filing and worksheets provided by the Company and requested additional supporting documentation. The Company has not yet responded to Staff’s data requests. The Company, therefore, has not yet demonstrated it needs additional revenue, and that the proposed rates are fair, just, reasonable, and sufficient.

- 3 Staff recommends suspending the filing to allow sufficient time for the Company to provide additional information required for general rate case filings, and for Staff to review that information in detail.

DISCUSSION

- 4 The Commission agrees with Staff’s finding that Iliad Water Service has not yet 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

- 5 (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.
- 6 (2) Iliad Water Service is a water company and a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- 7 (3) On February 23, 2015, Iliad Water Service filed a proposed general rate increase that would generate \$25,141 (31.4 percent) in additional annual revenue.
- 8 (4) Iliad Water Service has not yet demonstrated that the tariff revisions would result in rates that are fair, just, reasonable, and sufficient.
- 9 (5) The Commission should investigate Iliad Water Service's 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 (6) Iliad Water Service bears the burden of proof to show that the proposed increase is fair, just, reasonable, and sufficient.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 11 (1) The tariff revisions filed by Iliad Water Service, Inc., on February 23, 2015, are suspended.
- 12 (2) Iliad Water Service, Inc., 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 Iliad Water Service, Inc.'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 March 26, 2015.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DAVID W. DANNER, Chairman

PHILIP B. JONES, Commissioner

ANN E. RENDAHL, Commissioner