

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Request of

CRESCENT BAR, INC.,

Requesting Removal from Commission
Regulation

DOCKET UW-170018

ORDER 01

ORDER REMOVING COMPANY
FROM REGULATION; CANCELING
TARIFF AFTER TRANSFER TO
WATER DISTRICT

BACKGROUND

- 1 On January 6, 2017, Crescent Bar, Inc. (Crescent Bar or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a notice for the transfer of ownership of its water system assets to Grant County Water District. Crescent Bar seeks to remove itself from regulation and to cancel its tariff. The water company provides water service to the community of Crescent Bar on the Columbia River and approximately 495 recreation and residential customers in several Homeowner Associations near Quincy in Grant County.
- 2 Commission Staff reviewed the filing and confirmed that Grant County Water District assumed ownership and operation of Crescent Bar on October 1, 2016. Accordingly, Staff finds that Crescent Bar no longer provides regulated water service and recommends the Company be removed from Commission regulation.

DISCUSSION AND DECISION

- 3 Pursuant to RCW 80.04.010, the Commission may approve a water company's request for removal from regulation. Because Crescent Bar is now operated and owned by Grant County Water District, which is not subject to Commission jurisdiction, we find that removing Crescent Bar from regulation is consistent with the public interest.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 4 (1) The Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate the rates, rules, regulations, practices, accounts, securities, transfers of property and affiliated interests of public service companies, including water companies.

- 5 (2) Crescent Bar is an investor-owned water company and a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- 6 (3) The transfer of assets of Crescent Bar to Grant County Water District is exempt from Commission regulation under RCW 80.12.020 and RCW 36.96.010 and is not subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- 7 (4) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on January 26, 2017.
- 8 (5) After reviewing the information gathered in the investigation, and giving due consideration, the Commission finds it in the public interest to grant Crescent Bar's request for removal from regulation and to cancel the corresponding tariff.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 9 (1) Crescent Bar, Inc. is no longer subject to Commission jurisdiction under RCW 80.04.110.
- 10 (2) Crescent Bar, Inc., is removed from regulation by this Commission and its current tariff WN U-1 is canceled as of the effective date of this Order.

The Commissioners, having determined this Order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective January 26, 2017.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

STEVEN V. KING, Executive Director and Secretary