

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

WASHINGTON WATER SUPPLY,
INC.

Respondent.

DOCKET UW-230598 & UW-240079
(consolidated)

OFFER OF PUBLIC COMMENT
EXHIBIT

BENCH REQUEST NO. 1

I. The Public Counsel Unit of the Washington Attorney General's Office (Public Counsel) hereby offers this Public Comment Exhibit Bench Request No. 1 (BR-1) for admission into the record for this proceeding in consolidated Dockets UW-230598 & UW-240079. This matter concerns Washington Water Supply, Inc (Company). The Company's initial filing to revise Tariffs WN U-1 and WN U-2 was submitted to the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (WUTC or Commission) on July 13, 2023, and January 22, 2024, respectively. Thereafter, the Commission issued a Notice of Virtual Public Comment Hearing (Notice), with a hearing schedule for 6 p.m. on February 18, 2025.¹ The Commission Staff and Public Counsel both received and compiled remarks from customers in response to the Company's Customer Notice. Customers were also able to provide comments to Public Counsel via email or phone. In

¹ Comm'n Notice of Hearing Scheduling a Virtual Public Comment Hearing (filed Jan. 10, 2025).

addition, customers could also contact the Commission directly through its online comment web portal, calling into their office, or via email.

2. Public Comment Exhibit No. BR-1. The Commission's Consumer Protection and Communications Staff documented customer comments into database matrices. The Communications Staff provided the output shown in Attachment A and Attachment B to Public Counsel on March 19, 2025. The output from this database is included in .pdf format enclosed with this exhibit. These Attachments contain all comments submitted to the Communications Staff. During the comment period, the Public Counsel Unit did not receive any comments.
3. The deadline to submit comments to either the Communications Staff or to Public Counsel was set by the Commissioners at the Public Comment Hearing, and the deadline was March 18, 2025. To offer a complete record, we are submitting the database matrices (Attachments A and B) and comments received by the Communications Staff in their entirety. However, it should be noted that while these Attachments are submitted in full, there is a high likelihood of duplicate consumer comments. While we only count each commenter once, reflected in the total number of submitted comments below, the true count can vary slightly. See the tally below for additional information regarding the sum total of comments received by the Communications Staff.

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4. The counts for the submitted material are as follows:

a. **Comments received by Communications Staff in Attachment A**

Opposing Washington Water Supply, Inc.'s Adjustment.....17
In Favor of Washington Water Supply, Inc.'s Adjustment.....2
Undecided Washington Water Supply, Inc.'s Adjustment.....3
Recognized Duplicate Comments.....1²

b. **Comments received by Communications Staff in Attachment B**

Opposing Washington Water Supply, Inc.'s Adjustment.....3
In Favor of Washington Water Supply, Inc.'s Adjustment.....0
Undecided Washington Water Supply, Inc.'s Adjustment.....0
Recognized Duplicate Comments.....0

c. **No Comments received by Public Counsel**

5. Public Counsel submits a total of twenty-five (25) comments on behalf of the Communication Staff at the UTC. Twenty-Four (24) comments are uniquely identified in this Bench Request. Of these, twenty (20) are opposed, two (2) are in favor, and three (3) are undecided of the approval.

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DATED at Seattle, Washington this 25th day of March 2025.

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² After reviewing the UTC Matrix the following constituents submitted more than one comment: Remko Oosterhof.