

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

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,)	DOCKET NO. UW-031671
)	
Complainant,)	ORDER NO. 02
)	
v.)	ORDER DISMISSING
)	COMPLAINT; ACCEPTING
TALL TIMBER WATER SYSTEMS, LLC,)	SUBSTITUTE TARIFF FILINGS;
)	ALLOWING TARIFF TO
Respondent.)	BECOME EFFECTIVE
.....)	

BACKGROUND

- 1 On October 14, 2003, Tall Timber Water Systems, LLC, (Tall Timber or Company) filed with the Commission revisions to its currently effective Tariff WN U-1, designated as Third Revision Sheet 2 Canceling Second Revision Sheet No. 2, First Revision Sheet 3.1 Canceling Original Sheet No. 3.1, Second Revision Sheet 8 Canceling First Revision Sheet No. 8, Second Revision Sheet 12 Canceling First Revision Sheet No. 12, Fourth Revision Sheet 21 Canceling Third Revision Sheet No. 21, Fourth Revision Sheet 22 Canceling Third Revision Sheet No. 22, First Revision Sheet 31 Canceling Original Sheet No. 31, and Original Sheet No. 35.
- 2 On November 26, 2003, the Commission entered a Complaint and Order Suspending Tariff Revisions pending an investigation to determine whether the revisions are fair, just and reasonable. The Company stated it is filing to increase rates to generate additional revenue due to changes in liability insurance, electrical power, and operational costs due to services provided by Utility Management Services. The Company states it has also experienced increased costs in general maintenance due to aging infrastructure and increased water quality requirements. To help offset some cost, the Company has also filed to add several ancillary charges, such as Late Payment, NSF Check, and New

Account Setup charges, which are intended to recover non-water service costs from the specific customer who creates the expenses.

- 3 It appears from Staff's review that the Company requires additional revenue. Staff believes the revised rates are fair, just, and reasonable.

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, rules, regulations, practices, accounts, securities, and transfers of public service companies, including water companies. *RCW 80.01.040; Chapter 80.04 RCW and Chapter 80.28 RCW.*
- 5 (2) Tall Timber is a water company and is a public service company subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.
- 6 (3) This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on December 18, 2003.
- 7 (4) The record shows no basis to suspend the revised tariff pages.
- 8 (5) After review of the revised tariff pages filed in Docket UW-031671 by Tall Timber and giving due consideration, the Commission finds it is consistent with the public interest that the Complaint and Order Suspending Tariff Revisions in Docket UW-031671, dated November 26, 2003, be dismissed and the revised tariff pages to Tariff WN U-1 filed by the Company become effective on December 31, 2003.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 9 (1) The Complaint and Order Suspending Tariff Revisions in Docket
UW-031671, dated November 26, 2003, is dismissed.
- 10 (2) The revised tariff pages filed in this docket are allowed to become
effective on December 31, 2003.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 18th day of December, 2003.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MARILYN SHOWALTER, Chairwoman

RICHARD HEMSTAD, Commissioner

PATRICK J. OSHIE, Commissioner