

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

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND	)	DOCKET UW-110107
TRANSPORTATION	)	
COMMISSION,	)	ORDER 01
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Complainant,	)	
	)	
v.	)	
	)	
SUMMIT VIEW WATER WORKS,	)	
LLC,	)	
	)	COMPLAINT AND ORDER
Respondent.	)	SUSPENDING TARIFF REVISIONS
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**BACKGROUND**

- 1     On January 12, 2011, Summit View Water Works, LLC, (Summit View or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) revisions to its currently effective Tariff WN U-1, designated as Original Sheet No. 25 and Original Sheet No. 26. The Company subsequently filed a substitute tariff index page, designated as First Revised Sheet No. 2, Canceling Original Sheet No. 2, on January 24, 2011. The stated effective date is February 12, 2011. Original Sheet No. 25 proposes a facilities construction surcharge of \$11.60 per month for all customers. Original Sheet No. 26 proposes a one-time \$1,000 facilities charge for all new customers. First Revised Sheet No. 2 updates the tariff index page to reflect the addition of Original Sheet No. 25 and Original Sheet No. 26.
- 2     In this filing, Summit View would increase charges and rates for service by approximately \$11,832 or 12.1 percent in additional annual revenue via charges related to the facilities construction surcharge. Additionally, the Company anticipates projected revenue related to the proposed facilities charge of approximately \$15,000 or 15.4 percent in additional annual revenue. Because those increases might injuriously affect the rights and interests of the public and Summit View has not demonstrated that the increases would result in rates that are fair, just, reasonable and sufficient, the Commission suspends the tariff filing and will hold public hearings, if necessary, to determine whether the proposed increases are fair, just, reasonable and sufficient.

### FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 3 (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, accounts, securities, transfers of property and affiliated interests of public service companies, including water companies.  
*RCW 80.01.040, RCW 80.04, RCW 80.08, RCW 80.12, RCW 80.16 and RCW 80.28.*
- 4 (2) Summit View is a water company and a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- 5 (3) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on February 10, 2011.
- 6 (4) The tariff revisions Summit View filed on January 12, 2011, and on January 24, 2011, would increase charges and rates for service provided by Summit View, and might injuriously affect the rights and interest of the public.
- 7 (5) Summit View has not yet demonstrated that the tariff revisions would result in rates that are fair, just, reasonable and sufficient.
- 8 (6) In order to carry out the duties imposed upon the Commission by law, and as authorized in RCW 80.04.130, the Commission believes it is necessary to investigate Summit View's books, accounts, practices and activities; to make a valuation or appraisal of Summit View's property; and to investigate and appraise various phases of Summit View's operations.
- 9 (7) As required by RCW 80.04.130(4), Summit View bears the burden of proof to show that the proposed increases are fair, just, reasonable and sufficient.
- 10 (8) Summit View may be required to pay the expenses reasonably attributable and allocable to such an investigation, consistent with RCW 80.20.

**ORDER**

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS:**

- 11 (1) The tariff revisions Summit View Water Works, LLC, filed on January 12, 2011,  
and on January 24, 2011, are suspended.
- 12 (2) The Commission will hold hearings at such times and places as may be required.
- 13 (3) Summit View Water Works, LLC, must not change or alter the tariffs filed in this  
docket during the suspension period, unless authorized by the Commission.
- 14 (4) The Commission will institute an investigation of Summit View Water Works,  
LLC's books, accounts, practices, activities, property and operations as described  
above.
- 15 (5) Summit View Water Works, LLC, shall pay the expenses reasonably attributable  
and allocable to the Commission's investigation, consistent with RCW 80.20.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective February 10, 2011.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

JEFFREY D. GOLTZ, Chairman

PATRICK J. OSHIE, Commissioner

PHILIP B. JONES, Commissioner