

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

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND)	DOCKET UW-091036
TRANSPORTATION)	
COMMISSION,)	ORDER 01
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Complainant,)	
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v.)	
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ILIAD WATER SERVICE, INC.,)	
)	COMPLAINT AND ORDER
Respondent.)	SUSPENDING TARIFF REVISIONS
.....)	

BACKGROUND

- 1 On June 29, 2009, Iliad Water Service, Inc. (Iliad Water or Company), filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) revisions to its currently effective Tariff WN U-1, designated as Second Revision of Sheet No. 2 Canceling First Revision Sheet No. 2; First Revised Sheet No. R-4 Canceling Original Sheet No. R-4; First Revision of Sheet No. R-8 Canceling Original Sheet No. R-8; First Revision of Sheet No. R-9 Canceling Original Sheet No. R-9; First Revision of Sheet No. R-10 Canceling Original Sheet No. R-10; Original Sheet No. 10.1; Original Sheet No. W-106; Original Sheet No. W-107 and Original Sheet No. W-108. The filing proposes to increase ancillary charges for Reconnection, Service Visit, and Account Set-Up, and to add new charges for Late Payment, NSF Check, Cross Connection Site Visit, and Cross Connection Premise Inspection. The tariff updates include clarifying rules related to irrigation and adding language on limitation of liability. The Company serves about 96 customers on three water systems located in Kitsap County. The original proposed effective date was July 31, 2009. The Company extended the effective date to September 1, 2009, by filings on July 15, 2009, and August 6, 2009.
- 2 In this filing, Iliad Water would increase charges and rates for service. Because those increases might injuriously affect the rights and interests of the public and Iliad Water 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) Iliad Water 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 August 27, 2009.
- 6 (4) The tariff revisions Iliad Water filed on June 29, 2009, would increase charges and rates for service provided by Iliad Water, and might injuriously affect the rights and interest of the public.
- 7 (5) Iliad Water 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 Iliad Water's books, accounts, practices and activities; to make a valuation or appraisal of Iliad Water's property; and to investigate and appraise various phases of Iliad Water's operations.
- 9 (7) As required by RCW 80.04.130(4), Iliad Water bears the burden of proof to show that the proposed increases are fair, just, reasonable and sufficient.
- 10 (8) Iliad Water 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 Iliad Water Service, Inc., filed on June 29, 2009, are
suspended.
- 12 (2) The Commission will hold hearings at such times and places as may be required.
- 13 (3) Iliad Water Service, Inc., 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 Iliad Water Service, Inc.'s
books, accounts, practices, activities, property and operations as described above.
- 15 (5) Iliad Water Service, Inc., shall pay the expenses reasonably attributable and
allocable to the Commission's investigation, consistent with RCW 80.20.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective August 27, 2009.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

JEFFREY D. GOLTZ, Chairman

PATRICK J. OSHIE, Commissioner

PHILIP B. JONES, Commissioner