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Docket: UW-080926
Company Name: Aquarius Utilities, LLC

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Recommendation

Take no action on this filing at this time to allow for customer comments.

Discussion

On May 23, 2008, Aquarius Utilities, LLC, (Aquarius or company), filed with the Utilities and Transportation Commission (commission) tariff revisions that would generate \$106,055 (24.7 percent) in additional revenue per year. The company serves 880 customers located in Clallam, Kitsap and Mason counties. The proposed rates are prompted by increases in labor, benefits, insurance and new plant (pumps and pipes) costs.

Today's presentation allows customers or other parties to make comments to the commission. No action is required by the commission. Staff will make its recommendation to the commission at the open meeting on July 10, 2008. The company's last general rate increase became effective on August 16, 2003.

On March 23, 2008, the company notified its customers of the rate increase by mail. The commission has received no customer comments on this filing as of June 10, 2008.

Rate Comparison

Monthly Rate	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
Flat Rate (Unmetered)	\$43.55	\$50.50
Ready-to-Serve (RTS)	\$19.85	\$24.85
Base Rate (¾-inch meter)	\$30.95	\$35.95
Base Rate (1-inch meter)	\$49.01	\$56.93
Base Rate (1 1/2-inch meter)	\$93.74	\$108.93
Base Rate (2-inch meter)	\$147.64	\$171.56
0 – 500 cubic feet	\$2.00	\$2.50
501 – 1,000 cubic feet	\$2.00	\$2.75
1,001 – 2,000 cubic feet	\$3.00	\$3.00
Over 2,000 cubic feet	\$4.00	\$4.00

Ancillary Charges	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
Credit Card Processing Fee	N/A	\$0.75
Credit Card Chargeback Fee	N/A	\$20.00

Average Bill Comparison

Average Monthly Usage 566 cubic feet	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
Base Rate (¾-inch meter)	\$30.95	\$35.95
0 – 500 cubic feet	\$10.00	\$12.50
501 – 566 cubic feet	\$1.32	\$1.82
Average Monthly Bill	\$42.27	\$50.27

Commission staff has not yet completed its review of the company's supporting financial documents, books and records.

Conclusion

Take no action on this filing at this time to allow for customer comments.