

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

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| WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND |) | DOCKET TG-072202 |
| TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION, |) | |
| |) | ORDER 02 |
| Complainant, |) | |
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| v. |) | |
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| FRED W. & CRYSTAL L. STANLEY |) | ORDER DISMISSING |
| D/B/A STANLEY'S SANITARY |) | COMPLAINT AND ORDER |
| SERVICE, G-86 |) | SUSPENDING TARIFF |
| |) | REVISIONS; ALLOWING TARIFF |
| Respondent. |) | REVISIONS |
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BACKGROUND

- 1 On November 14, 2007, Fred W. & Crystal L. Stanley d/b/a Stanley's Sanitary Service (Stanley or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) revisions to its currently effective Tariff WN U-08 that would generate \$46,069 (11.22 percent) in additional revenue per year. Stanley serves 728 regulated residential and commercial customers located in Eastern Wahkiakum County. The proposed revisions are prompted by increases in labor, benefits, fuel expenses, and new equipment costs. Stanley's last general rate increase became effective August 1, 2006.

- 2 Staff's review of Stanley's operations revealed that the Company's proposed rates were excessive. On December 18, 2007, the Company filed revised rates at the Staff recommended level that would generate \$32,599 (7.77 percent) additional revenue per year.

- 3 On December 27, 2007, the Commission entered a Complaint and Order Suspending Tariff Revisions pending an investigation to determine whether the revisions was fair, just, reasonable, and sufficient. The Commission allowed the revised rates to go into effect on a temporary basis on January 1, 2008.

- 4 Stanley notified its customers of the rate increase by mail on November 15, 2007. The Commission has received one customer comment on this filing as of January 22, 2008. The customer is concerned about the size of the overall increase. On December 27, 2007,

Consumer Affairs Staff sent the customer a letter advising him of Staff's recommended revised rates. The customer has not commented on the revised rates.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 5 (1) The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate the rates, rules, regulations, practices, accounts and affiliated interests of public service companies, including solid waste companies. *RCW 80.01.040, RCW 81.01, RCW 81.04, RCW 81.16, RCW 81.28 and RCW 81.77.*
- 6 (2) Stanley is a solid waste company and a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- 7 (3) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on January 31, 2008.
- 8 (4) The revisions filed by Stanley on November 14, 2007, and the substitute pages filed on December 18, 2007, increase solid waste rates.
- 9 (5) The Commission allowed the revised rates filed on December 18, 2007, to become effective January 1, 2008, on a temporary basis, subject to refund.
- 10 (6) On December 27, 2007, the Consumer Affairs Staff sent a letter to the one customer who commented on this filing. The letter showed present, proposed, and revised rates and informed the customer of the Commission's decision at the December 27, 2007, open meeting to allow the revised rates on a temporary basis effective January 1, 2008. The customer has not commented on the revised rates.
- 11 (7) The tariff revisions presently under suspension are fair, just, reasonable and sufficient because Stanley has demonstrated that it requires additional revenues and has filed revised rates at Staff's recommended levels.
- 12 (8) After reviewing the tariff revisions Stanley filed in Docket TG-072202 and giving due consideration, the Commission finds it is consistent with the public interest to dismiss the Complaint and Order Suspending Tariff Revisions in Docket

TG-072202, dated December 27, 2007, and allow the tariff revisions to Tariff WN U-08 filed on December 18, 2007, that reflect Staff's recommended levels, to become effective on February 1, 2008.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 13 (1) The Complaint and Order Suspending the Tariff Revisions in Docket TG-072202, entered on December 27, 2007, is dismissed.
- 14 (2) The tariff revisions Fred W. & Crystal L. Stanley d/b/a Stanley's Sanitary Service filed in this docket on December 18, 2007, shall become effective on February 1, 2008.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective January 31, 2008.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MARK H. SIDRAN, Chairman

PATRICK J. OSHIE, Commissioner

PHILIP B. JONES, Commissioner