

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Petition of

ILIAD WATER COMPANY, LLC,

Petitioner,

Seeking Exemption from the Provisions
of WAC 480-07-530(4) Relating to
Filing Requirements, Work Papers

DOCKET UW-160839

ORDER 01

ORDER GRANTING
EXEMPTION FROM RULE

BACKGROUND

- 1 On June 24, 2016, Iliad Water Company, LLC (Iliad Water or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a petition requesting an exemption from WAC 480-07-530(4) (Petition) in connection with a proposed tariff revision that will pass through a rate increase imposed by the City of Monroe to the Company's customers.
- 2 WAC 480-07-530(4) requires water companies filing for a general rate increase to file supporting work papers for the test period.
- 3 In its Petition, Iliad Water explained that the tariff revision will solely be a pass-through of charges assessed by the City of Monroe and will not generate additional revenue for the Company.
- 4 Commission Staff reviewed the request and recommends granting Iliad Water's request for exemption.

DISCUSSION

- 5 The Commission concurs with Staff's recommendation. The purpose of the work paper filing requirements in WAC 480-07-530(4) is to provide the Commission with information to determine whether a proposed rate increase is fair, just, reasonable, and sufficient. Here, the Company has provided sufficient information to enable the Commission to make that determination, and providing the additional information the rule requires would be unnecessary and unduly burdensome in light of the fact that the rate increase reflects only a pass-through charge, and will not result in any additional

revenue for the Company. Accordingly, an exemption from this requirement for purposes of the filing in this docket is consistent with the public interest and the purposes underlying the rule and should be granted.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 6 (1) The Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate the rates, rules, regulations, practices, accounts, securities, transfers of property and affiliated interests of public service companies, including water companies.
- 7 (2) Iliad Water is engaged in the business of providing water services within the state of Washington and is a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- 8 (3) Iliad Water is subject to WAC 480-07-530(4), which requires water companies filing for a general rate increase to file supporting work papers for the test period.
- 9 (4) Under WAC 480-110-215, the Commission may grant an exemption from the provisions of any rule in WAC 480-110 if it is consistent with the public interest, the purposes underlying regulation, and applicable statutes. See also WAC 480-07-110.
- 10 (5) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on July 21, 2016.
- 11 (6) After review of the Petition filed in Docket UW-160839 by Iliad Water on June 24, 2016, and giving due consideration, the Commission finds that granting the exemption is in the public interest, and is consistent with purposes underlying the regulation and applicable statutes.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 12 (1) As of the effective date of this Order, Iliad Water Company, LLC is granted an exemption from WAC 480-07-530(4), file supporting work papers for the test period.

- 13 (2) The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and Iliad Water Company, LLC to effectuate the provisions of this Order.

The Commissioners, having determined this Order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective July 21, 2016.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DAVID W. DANNER, Chairman

PHILIP B. JONES, Commissioner

ANN E. RENDAHL, Commissioner