

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND)	DOCKET UW-121523
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,)	
)	ORDER 02
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	
)	ORDER DISMISSING COMPLAINT
SCENIC SHORES WATER)	AND ORDER SUSPENDING TARIFF
COMPANY,)	REVISION; ALLOWING REVISED
)	RATES TO BECOME EFFECTIVE;
Respondent.)	REQUIRING COMPLIANCE FILING
.....)	

BACKGROUND

- 1 On September 17, 2012, Scenic Shores Water Company (Scenic Shores or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) revision to its currently effective Tariff WN U-1, designated as Second Revision of Sheet No. 21 canceling First Revision Sheet No. 21. The Company filed tariff revisions that would generate \$8,341 (33 percent) additional annual revenue. The Company is a homeowners’ association that operates a water system near Lake Lawrence in Thurston County. The Company provides non-regulated service to 201 members and regulated service to 35 non-members.
- 2 On October 11, 2012, the Commission entered a Complaint and Order Suspending Tariff Revision pending an investigation to determine whether the revision is fair, just, reasonable and sufficient.
- 3 After review, Staff found the proposed rates would generate excessive revenues. Staff determined that the company’s books and records supported a lower revenue requirement of \$6,805 (27 percent) additional annual revenue. Staff and the Company have agreed to a revised rate design that would generate the additional \$6,805 revenue.
- 4 On November 28, 2012, the company filed revised rates at staff-recommended levels. All revised rates are equal to, or lower than, the original proposed rates. The revised rate design proposes to shift the company’s tariff to a pay-as-you-use, conservation oriented rate design in two steps. Step one, effective December 20, 2012, would decrease the “flat rate allowance” block from 1,000 cubic feet to 500 cubic feet and add a new usage block for 501 cubic feet to 1,000 cubic feet and a rate of \$1.15 per 100 cubic feet. Step two,

effective December 20, 2013, would eliminate the 500 cubic foot “flat rate allowance” block and expand the first usage block to zero to 1,000 cubic feet.

- 5 To ensure the Company charges the correct rates, Staff recommends that the Commission require the Company to file, no later than February 1, 2014, copies of bills issued to each regulated water customer that show the Company has implemented the final rate design that would become effective December 20, 2013.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 6 (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, 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.
- 7 (2) Scenic Shores is a water company and a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- 8 (3) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on December 13, 2012.
- 9 (4) The tariff revision presently under consideration is fair, just, reasonable and sufficient because the Company has demonstrated the need for additional annual revenue and for revision of the Company’s rate structure.
- 10 (5) After reviewing the tariff revisions Scenic Shores filed in Docket UW-121523 and giving due consideration, the Commission finds it is consistent with the public interest to dismiss the Complaint and Order Suspending Tariff Revision in Docket UW-121523, dated October 11, 2012, and allow the tariff revisions to Tariff WN U-1, filed on November 28, 2012, to become effective on December 20, 2012.
- 11 (6) To ensure the Company charges the correct rates, the Commission should require the Company to file, no later than February 1, 2014, copies of bills issued to each regulated water customer that show the Company has implemented the final rate design that would become effective December 20, 2013.

- 12 (7) The Commission Secretary should be authorized to accept by letter, with copies to all parties to this proceeding, all filings that comply with the requirements of this Order.

O R D E R

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 13 (1) The Complaint and Order Suspending Tariff Revision in Docket UW-121523, entered on October 11, 2012, is dismissed.
- 14 (2) The revised tariff revisions Scenic Shores Water Company filed in this docket on November 28, 2012, shall become effective on December 20, 2012.
- 15 (3) Scenic Shores Water Company must file, no later than February 1, 2014, copies of bills issued to each regulated water customer that show the Company has implemented the final rate design that will become effective December 20, 2013.
- 16 (4) The Commission Secretary is authorized to accept by letter, with copies to all parties to this proceeding, all filings that comply with the requirements of this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective December 13, 2012.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

JEFFREY D. GOLTZ, Chairman

PATRICK J. OSHIE, Commissioner

PHILIP B. JONES, Commissioner