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May 13, 2025

NOTICE OF BENCH REQUEST NO. 4
(Due by 5:00 pm, May 20, 2025)

RE: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Washington Water Supply, Inc.,*
Docket UW-240079, and

In the Matter of Washington Water Supply, Inc. to Approve Tariff Revisions Regarding a
Temporary Surcharge for Recovery of Purchased Water Expenses, Docket UW-230598

The following bench request is directed to Commission staff (Staff) and the Company. Please respond no later than 5:00 p.m., May 20, 2025, in an electronic form to be delivered to the Commission for filing with the Records Center. Please provide courtesy copies by email to Administrative Law Judge Connor Thompson at connor.thompson@utc.wa.gov.

Bench Request No. 4:

The Company's proposed surcharge does not include recovery of its litigation costs¹ and the Company otherwise opposes an increase in its general rates.² In its response to UTC Bench Request No. 3, the Company stated it was seeking recovery of \$40,979.50 in legal fees, as well as the additional legal fees it expects to incur in May 2025.³

To Washington Water Supply, Inc:

- a. Please clarify how the Company proposes to recover its litigation costs associated with the consolidated dockets.
- b. If the Company seeks to recover these costs through its proposed surcharge, please provide an updated surcharge proposal that includes recovery of these costs.

¹ Poppe, Exh WWS-1T at 2: 20-24.

² Poppe, Exh. WWS-14T at 5: 5-9.

³ Dockets UW-240079 and UW-230598 – Washington Water Supply, Inc.'s response to UTC Bench Request No. 3 (c).

To Staff:

- c. Please provide an updated recommendation, if deemed appropriate, to Staff's revenue requirement and recovery of litigation expenses given the Company's response to Bench Request No. 3, noting if Staff recommends amortization and over what period of time.

/s/ Connor Thompson
CONNOR THOMPSON
Administrative Law Judge