

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND	)	
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,	)	
	)	DOCKET NO. UW-041830
Complainant,	)	
	)	ORDER NO. 01
v.	)	
	)	PREHEARING CONFERENCE
ILIAD WATER SERVICES, INC.,	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	
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1 **PROCEEDINGS:** On October 11, 2004, Iliad Water Services, Inc. filed a revision to its currently effective Tariff WN U-1, designated as Original Sheet No. W-104, establishing a one-time Treatment Assessment charge of \$3,265 to its Alder Lake Water System customers. The Commission suspended operation of the proposed tariff revision pending hearing concerning whether the proposed change is just and reasonable.

2 **PARTY REPRESENTATIVES:** Richard A. Finnigan, attorney, Olympia, Washington, represents Iliad Water Services, Inc. (Iliad). Christopher Swanson, Assistant Attorney General, Olympia, Washington, represents the Commission’s regulatory staff (“Commission Staff or Staff”).<sup>1</sup>

3 **PETITIONS TO INTERVENE:** There were no petitions to intervene.

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<sup>1</sup> In formal proceedings, such as this case, the Commission’s regulatory staff functions as an independent party with the same rights, privileges, and responsibilities as any other party to the proceeding. There is an “*ex parte* wall” separating the Commissioners, the presiding ALJ, and the Commissioners’ policy and accounting advisors from all parties, including Staff. RCW 34.05.455.

4     **DISCOVERY:** The parties initiated discovery prior to the prehearing conference. Discovery will continue pursuant to the Commission’s discovery rules, WAC 480-07-400—425. The Commission urges the parties to continue to work cooperatively together.

5     **PROTECTIVE ORDER:** Iliad requested the Commission to enter its standard form of protective order to promote discovery in the event that a party’s data requests may call for production of confidential documents. Iliad’s request is granted and a protective order will be separately entered.

6     **PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE:** The Commission establishes the procedural schedule that is attached to this Order as Appendix B, which is incorporated into the body of this Order by this reference.

7     **ALTERNATE DISPUTE RESOLUTION:** The Commission supports the informal settlement of matters before it. The parties in this proceeding may schedule settlement conferences within the procedural schedule.

8     **WAIVER OF INITIAL ORDER:** The parties will take under advisement the question whether they wish to waive the Initial Order. This question can be determined at the time set for hearing.

9     **FILING; COPIES OF MATERIALS:** Parties must submit an original and 8 copies of all documents filed. All paper copies of filed documents must be mailed to the Commission Executive Secretary, Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, P.O. Box 47250, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive, S.W. Olympia, Washington 98504-7250, or delivered by hand to the Commission’s Records Center at the agency’s physical address. Both the post office box and street address are required to expedite deliveries by U.S. Postal Service.

- 10 Paper copies of filed materials must conform to the format and publication guidelines set forth in WAC 480-07-395 and 480-07-460, and must be three-hole punched with *oversized* holes to allow easy handling. The Commission may require a party to refile any document that fails to conform to these standards.
- 11 An electronic copy of all filings is required. Electronic copies may be provided by e-mail delivery to <[records@wutc.wa.gov](mailto:records@wutc.wa.gov)>. Alternatively, Parties may furnish an electronic copy by delivering with each filing a 3.5-inch IBM-formatted high-density diskette or a CD including the filed document(s).
- 12 The Commission prefers that parties furnish electronic copies of all filings that do not include confidential information and unredacted versions of documents that do include confidential information in .pdf (Adobe Acrobat) format, supplemented by a separate file in MS Word, or WordPerfect 5.1. **Electronic documents that are redacted versions that mask confidential information, should be filed exclusively in "read-only" .pdf format.** Parties are required to organize and identify electronic files as specified in WAC 480-07-140(5).
- 13 **NOTICE TO PARTIES: Any objection to the provisions of this Order must be filed within ten (10) days after the date of this order, pursuant to WAC 480-07-430. Absent such objections, this prehearing conference order will control further proceedings in this matter, subject to Commission review.**

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 24<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2005.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DENNIS J. MOSS  
Administrative Law Judge  
for  
KAREN CAILLÉ  
Administrative Law Judge

APPENDIX A

PARTIES' REPRESENTATIVES				
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**APPENDIX B  
PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE  
DOCKET NO. UW-041830**

<b>EVENT</b>	<b>DATE</b>
Parties exchange witness lists and exhibits	Tuesday June 28, 2005
Evidentiary Hearing (live direct and cross-examination)	Tuesday, July 12, 2005
Public Comment Hearing <sup>2</sup>	Tuesday, July 12, 2005
Post-Hearing Briefs and/or Oral Argument	T/B/D
Suspension Date	December 6, 2005

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<sup>2</sup> The evidentiary and public comment hearings are scheduled for the same hearing day and are to be held, at times to be determined, in the service territory where the greatest number of customers who may be affected by the proposed tariff change receive service from Iliad.