

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

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND)	DOCKET UW-081450
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,)	
)	ORDER 02
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	
)	ORDER DISMISSING COMPLAINT
CRESCENT BAR, INC.,)	AND ORDER SUSPENDING TARIFF
)	REVISIONS; ALLOWING TARIFF
Respondent.)	REVISIONS
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BACKGROUND

- 1 On August 4, 2008, Crescent Bar, Inc., (Crescent Bar or Company), filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) revisions to its currently effective Tariff WN U-1, designated as Sixth Revision Sheet No. 21 cancelling Fifth Revision Sheet No. 21. The stated effective date was October 1, 2008.
- 2 The Company proposed an increase in its general rates for \$20,248 (26.4 percent) of additional revenue per year. The Company serves five master meter customers: two condominium associations, two RV parks, and one campground at the Crescent Bar resort in Grant County. The Commission does not regulate the master meter customers or the service they provide to their combined 470 units. The Company's proposed increase in rates is prompted by higher costs for power, insurance, and maintenance expenses. The Company's last general rate increase became effective in June 2004.
- 3 Staff reviewed the Company's books, records and supporting documents and concluded that the Company has a revenue deficiency of \$10,776 (13.4 percent). The Company agreed to the lower revenue requirement and Staff's recommended revised rate design. On September 17, 2008, the Company filed revised rates at Staff's recommended levels. Staff believes the proposed revised rates are fair, just, reasonable and sufficient, based on the Company's supporting documentation.
- 4 The Company notified its customers of the original increase by mail on July 28, 2008. The notice advised customers that the Commission would take customer comments at its September 11, 2008, open meeting. No customers commented at that time. The Commission has received five comments from board members representing the

customers. In addition, eighteen individual residents of the associations commented on this filing as of November 10, 2008. Staff's open meeting memorandum, dated September 25, 2008, summarized and responded to those comments.

- 5 On September 25, 2008, the Commission entered a Complaint and Order Suspending Tariff Revisions and allowed temporary rates to go into effect October 1, 2008, on a temporary basis, subject to refund.
- 6 On September 26, 2008, Consumer Protection Staff sent to those customers, who previously commented on the Company's filing, a letter advising them of Staff's recommended revised rates. One customer commented on the revised rates and rate design. The customer did not raise any new issues.
- 7 The additional customer comment does not provide any new information that causes Staff to change its opinion that the Company's books and records support the revised revenue requirement and the revised, temporary rates are fair, just, reasonable and sufficient.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 8 (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.*
- 9 (2) Crescent Bar is a water company and a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- 10 (3) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on November 13, 2008.
- 11 (4) The tariff revision presently under suspension is fair, just, reasonable and sufficient because the Company's books, records, and supporting documents demonstrate that Crescent Bar has a revenue deficiency of \$10,776 (13.4 percent).

- 12 (5) After reviewing the tariff revisions Crescent Bar filed in Docket UW-081450 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-081450, dated September 25, 2008, and allow the revised tariff revisions to Tariff WN U-1 filed on September 17, 2008, to become effective on November 14, 2008, on a permanent basis.

O R D E R

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 13 (1) The Complaint and Order Suspending Tariff Revision in Docket UW-081450, entered on September 25, 2008, is dismissed.
- 14 (2) The revised tariff revision Crescent Bar, Inc., filed in this docket on September 17, 2008, shall become effective on November 14, 2008, on a permanent basis.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective November 13, 2008.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MARK H. SIDRAN, Chairman

PATRICK J. OSHIE, Commissioner

PHILIP B. JONES, Commissioner