

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND  
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

ILIAD WATER SERVICES, INC.,

Respondent.

DOCKET NO. UW-060343

MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE  
OF DEADLINE TO FILE REPORT  
OF STAFF INVESTIGATION

1 Pursuant to WAC 480-07-385, Commission Staff respectfully requests a continuance  
of the deadline to file the report of its investigation in this docket until July 11, 2007.

2 Staff is aware that this motion does not satisfy the requirement in WAC 480-07-  
385(3) that a party file a written motion for continuance at least five business days prior to  
the deadline for which a continuance is requested. However, Staff believes good cause  
prevented a timely filing. Staff also believes that granting a continuance is consistent with  
the public interest.

3 Staff earnestly wishes to present its report to the Commission in the best quality  
manner possible, sufficient to enable the Commission to determine how best to proceed in  
this docket. In order to accomplish this, Staff needs additional time to review and finalize  
its report before presenting it to the Commission. Staff's lead investigator and author of its  
report, Danny Kermode, has recently made a full transfer to the Energy Section. With this  
transfer, he has been given new responsibilities, in addition to the responsibility to complete  
the investigation and report for the Water Section in the current docket. Vacancies in the

Water Section, recent and pending staff absences, and unforeseen recent pressing issues with new rate cases before the Commission have made it difficult to allocate additional resources to complete the investigation and report by June 29, 2007. The necessity of a continuance has become apparent within the five days prior to the current deadline.

4 Staff understands the Commission's interest in receiving a timely, comprehensive report as ordered. Consistent with that goal, Staff believes that the extension of time will result in a better product, and, therefore, is in the public's best interest. To account for the above, and in light of the Fourth of July holiday, Staff hereby requests a continuance of the deadline to file its report to July 11, 2007.

DATED this 29<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

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