

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

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND)	DOCKET UW-101543
TRANSPORTATION)	
COMMISSION,)	ORDER 01
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Complainant,)	
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v.)	
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OLYMPIC WATER AND SEWER,)	
INC.,)	
)	COMPLAINT AND ORDER
Respondent.)	SUSPENDING TARIFF REVISION
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BACKGROUND

- 1 On September 15, 2010, Olympic Water and Sewer, Inc. (Olympic or Company), filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a revision to its currently effective Tariff WN U-2, designated as Second Revision of Sheet No. 22. The stated effective date is October 20, 2010. The filing updates and increases the metered rates for various meter sizes. On October 6, 2010, the Company filed a letter to extend the effective date until December 17, 2010.
- 2 In this filing, Olympic would increase charges and rates for service by approximately \$182,097 or 25 percent. Because those increases might injuriously affect the rights and interests of the public and Olympic has not demonstrated that the increases would result in rates that are fair, just, reasonable and sufficient, the Commission suspends the tariff filing and will hold public hearings, if necessary, to determine whether the proposed increases are fair, just, reasonable and sufficient.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 3 (1) The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate rates, 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.

- 4 (2) Olympic is a water company and a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- 5 (3) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on December 16, 2010.
- 6 (4) The tariff revision Olympic filed on September 15, 2010, would increase charges and rates for service provided by Olympic, and might injuriously affect the rights and interest of the public.
- 7 (5) Olympic has not yet demonstrated that the tariff revision would result in rates that are fair, just, reasonable and sufficient.
- 8 (6) In order to carry out the duties imposed upon the Commission by law, and as authorized in RCW 80.04.130, the Commission believes it is necessary to investigate Olympics' books, accounts, practices and activities; to make a valuation or appraisal of Olympics' property; and to investigate and appraise various phases of Olympics' operations.
- 9 (7) As required by RCW 80.04.130(4), Olympic bears the burden of proof to show that the proposed increases are fair, just, reasonable and sufficient.
- 10 (8) Olympic may be required to pay the expenses reasonably attributable and allocable to such an investigation, consistent with RCW 80.20.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 11 (1) The tariff revision Olympic Water and Sewer, Inc., filed on September 15, 2010, is suspended.
- 12 (2) The Commission will hold hearings at such times and places as may be required.
- 13 (3) Olympic Water and Sewer, Inc., must not change or alter the tariffs filed in this docket during the suspension period, unless authorized by the Commission.

- 14 (4) The Commission will institute an investigation of Olympic Water and Sewer, Inc.'s books, accounts, practices, activities, property and operations as described above.
- 15 (5) Olympic Water and Sewer, Inc., shall pay the expenses reasonably attributable and allocable to the Commission's investigation, consistent with RCW 80.20.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective December 16, 2010.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

JEFFREY D. GOLTZ, Chairman

PATRICK J. OSHIE, Commissioner

PHILIP B. JONES, Commissioner