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Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission
621 Woodland Square Loop SE
Lacey, WA 98503
Docket UW-240596

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Please find attached the notice sent to customers on 8/20/2024 pursuant to WAC 480-143-210. This notice was sent by email to those customers that have emails on file, and posted USPS first class to the remaining customers.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

Burton Water Co Inc. has asked the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission for authorization to transfer ownership and operation of Burton Water Co to the Burton Water Co-op. This transfer is contingent upon approval by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission.

Members of the Burton community came together in the Fall of 2021 to pursue the opportunity to purchase the assets of the Burton Water Company. The Burton Water Cooperative, a not for profit corporation, was formed to pursue feasibility, facilitate community involvement, and develop a financing and management plan. Based on the input of four working committees and numerous community Zoom meetings a plan was developed that was supported by the vote of an overwhelming majority of the customer base.

The Burton Water Cooperative plan includes:

- community ownership, control, and self-governance of the water system through a Board directly elected by the Members
- retention of our current on-island, highly skilled, and extremely knowledgeable system operator
- completion of a key set of capital improvements to address operating risks, meet new regulatory requirements, and improve fire protection
- a cost-of-service based rate structure rather than a profit-motivated rate structure
- utilizing special low cost USDA financing to spread the cost over all the users and over many years to moderate cost impact

Information on the rationale and specifics of the plan can be found at burtonwater.org or if you have specific questions you can contact the Cooperative at info@burtonwater.org.

If you have questions about this request and how it will affect you, please call Burton Water Co at (206)463-0005. If you have questions about the approval process, you may contact the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission at the following address:

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1-888-333-WUTC (9882) (toll-free) or email to:comments@wutc.wa.gov

If you would like to comment on this proposal, it is important for you to do so now. Comments must be submitted in writing or presented at the commission's open meeting to be considered as part of the formal record. The commission encourages your written comments, either in favor or opposition, regarding this proposal, you may submit your comment at <https://www.utc.wa.gov/consumers/submit-comment>. All open meetings are held in Lacey, WA. If you would like to be added to the commission's mailing list to be notified of the open meeting date please call the toll-free number listed above and leave your name and complete mailing address.

Sincerely,

Jim Garrison and Evan Simmons, Owners