

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

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND)	DOCKET UW-061673
TRANSPORTATION)	
COMMISSION,)	ORDER 02
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Complainant,)	
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v.)	
)	ORDER DISMISSING COMPLAINT
Pattison Water Company, Inc.,)	AND ORDER SUSPENDING TARIFF
)	REVISIONS; GRANTING TARIFF
Respondent.)	REVISIONS
.....)	

BACKGROUND

- 1 On November 1, 2006, Pattison Water Company, Inc., (Pattison Water or Company) filed with the Commission revisions to its currently effective Tariff WN U-1, designated as complete revision WN U-2. The stated effective date is December 1, 2006. This complete tariff revision updates the tariff format and language, increases rates, and changes rate design. The Company proposed increase was for an additional \$188,500 (49 percent) annually. On November 22, 2006, Staff and the Company negotiated revised rates that would increase annual revenues by approximately \$75,000 (19.5 percent).
- 2 Pattison Water notified its customers of the original increase by mail on October 30, 2006. The Commission received five customer comments as of November 28, 2006. All comments oppose the proposed \$188,500 (49 percent) increase.
- 3 On November 29, 2006, the Commission entered a Complaint and Order suspending the Tariff Revision to allow customers the opportunity to comment on the revised rates before determining whether the revision was fair, just, reasonable, and sufficient. The Commission allowed the revised rates to go into effect on a temporary basis, subject to refund.
- 4 On November 29, 2006, Consumer Affairs staff sent every customer who commented on Pattison Water’s filing a letter advising them of staff’s recommended revised rates. No customer has yet responded to staff’s letter.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 5 (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, and transfers of public service companies, including water companies. *RCW 80.01.040, Chapter 80.04 RCW, Chapter 80.28 RCW, Chapter 80.08 RCW and Chapter 80.12 RCW.*
- 6 (2) Pattison Water is a water company and is a public service company subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.
- 7 (3) This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on December 27, 2006.
- 8 (4) The tariff revision filed by Pattison Water on November 1, 2006, and substitute pages filed on November 22, 2008, would increase charges and rates for service provided by Pattison Water.
- 9 (5) The Commission allowed the revised rates filed on November 22, 2006, to become effective December 1, 2006, on a temporary basis, subject to refund.
- 10 (6) On November 29, 2006, Consumer Affairs staff sent all customers who previously commented on Pattison Water's proposed tariff changes a letter advising them of the staff revised rate recommendation. Customers have now had an opportunity to comment on the revised rates. No comments have been received.
- 11 (7) Pattison Water has demonstrated that it requires additional revenue and revised rates, now in effect on a temporary basis are fair, just, reasonable and sufficient, and should become effective permanently.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 12 (1) The Complaint and Order Suspending Tariff the Revision in Docket UW-061673
dated November 29, 2006, is dismissed.
- 13 (2) The revised rates the Company filed on November 22, 2006, that reflect Staff
recommended levels are approved to become effective January 1, 2007, on a
permanent basis.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective December 27, 2006.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

PATRICK J. OSHIE, Commissioner

PHILIP B. JONES, Commissioner