

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND)	DOCKET UW-112035
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,)	
)	ORDER 02
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	
)	ORDER DISMISSING COMPLAINT
ROCHE HARBOR WATER SYSTEM,)	AND ORDER SUSPENDING TARIFF
)	REVISIONS; ALLOWING TARIFF
Respondent.)	REVISIONS
.....)	

BACKGROUND

- 1* On November 23, 2011, Roche Harbor Water System (Roche Harbor or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) revisions to its currently effective Tariff WN U-1, designated as Eight Revised Sheet No. W-1 Canceling Substitute Seventh Revised Sheet No. W-1. The filing was prompted by increased costs for company operations exceeding revenues. The existing capital surcharge and treatment cost recovery charge remain in place at current rates. The company serves 600 customers in San Juan County. The Company’s last general rate increase was August 1, 2008.
- 2* On December 29, 2011, the Commission entered a Complaint and Order Suspending Tariff Revisions pending an investigation to determine whether the revisions are fair, just, reasonable and sufficient.
- 3* Staff has completed its review of the Company’s supporting financial documents, books and records. Staff’s review shows that the expenses are reasonable and required as part of the Company’s operation, the Company’s financial information supports the revenue requirement and the proposed rates and charges are fair, just, reasonable and sufficient.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 4* (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.*

- 5 (2) Roche Harbor is a water company and a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- 6 (3) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on February 23, 2012.
- 7 (4) The tariff revisions presently under suspension are fair, just, reasonable and sufficient because the Company has demonstrated the need for additional annual revenue and for revision of the Company's rate structure.
- 8 (5) After reviewing the tariff revisions Roche Harbor filed in Docket UW-112035 and giving due consideration, the Commission finds it is consistent with the public interest to dismiss the Complaint and Order Suspending Tariff Revisions in Docket UW-112035, dated December 29, 2011, and allow the tariff revisions to Tariff WN U-1 to become effective on March 1, 2012.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 9 (1) The Complaint and Order Suspending Tariff Revisions in Docket UW-112035, entered on December 29, 2011, is dismissed.
- 10 (2) The tariff revisions Roche Harbor Water System filed in this docket on November 23, 2011, shall become effective on March 1, 2012.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective February 23, 2012.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

JEFFREY D. GOLTZ, Chairman

PATRICK J. OSHIE, Commissioner

PHILIP B. JONES, Commissioner