

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

WASHINGTON WATER SERVICE
COMPANY,

Respondent.

DOCKET UW-180592

ORDER 02

ORDER DISMISSING COMPLAINT
AND ORDER SUSPENDING TARIFF
REVISIONS; ALLOWING REVISED
RATES TO BECOME EFFECTIVE

BACKGROUND

- 1 On July 2, 2018, Washington Water Service Company (Washington Water or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) revisions to its currently effective Tariff WN U-2, designated as Sheet No. 1, Sheet No. 20, Sheet No. 22 – 29, and Sheet No. 31. The proposed revisions would generate approximately \$1,600,000 (13.8 percent) in additional annual revenue.
- 2 On July 26, 2018, the Commission entered Order 01, Complaint and Order Suspending Tariff Revisions (Order 01) pending an investigation to determine whether the revisions are fair, just, reasonable, and sufficient.
- 3 Commission staff (Staff) has completed its review of the Company's supporting financial documents, books, and records. Based on Staff's review, Staff and the Company agree that an increase of \$1,143,000 (9.6 percent) will result in rates that are fair, just, reasonable, and sufficient. On November 1, 2018, the Company filed revised rates and charges reflecting the adjusted revenue requirement. Staff recommends the Commission allow the revised rates and tariff revision filed by Washington Water November 1, 2018, to become effective on December 1, 2018.

DISCUSSION

4 We agree with Staff's recommendation and dismiss Order 01 to allow Washington
Water's revised rates, as filed on November 1, 2018, to go into effect by operation of law
on December 1, 2018.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 5 (1) The 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.
- 6 (2) Washington Water is a water company and a public service company subject to
Commission jurisdiction.
- 7 (3) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on
November 30, 2018.
- 8 (4) The tariff revisions presently under consideration are fair, just, reasonable, and
sufficient because the Company has demonstrated the need for additional annual
revenue.
- 9 (5) After reviewing the tariff revisions Washington Water filed in Docket UW-180592
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-180592, dated July 26, 2018, and allow the tariff revisions to Tariff WN U-2
filed November 1, 2018, to become effective on December 1, 2018.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 10 (1) The Complaint and Order Suspending Tariff Revisions in Docket UW-180592,
entered on July 26, 2018, is dismissed.
- 11 (2) The tariff revisions filed in this docket on November 1, 2018, by Washington
Water Service Company shall become effective on December 1, 2018.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective November 30, 2018.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DAVID W. DANNER, Chairman

ANN E. RENDAHL, Commissioner

JAY M. BALASBAS, Commissioner