

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

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND)	DOCKET UW-111675
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,)	
)	ORDER 02
Complainant,)	
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v.)	
)	ORDER DISMISSING COMPLAINT
CRISTALINA, L.L.C.,)	AND ORDER SUSPENDING TARIFF
)	REVISIONS; ALLOWING TARIFF
Respondent.)	REVISIONS
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BACKGROUND

- 1 On September 15, 2011, Cristalina, L.L.C. (Cristalina or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) revisions to its currently effective Tariff WN U-1, designated as Second Revision Sheet No. 21, Canceling First Revision Sheet No. 21, First Revision Sheet No. 22, Canceling Original Sheet No. 22. The revisions propose a general rate increase that would generate \$64,840 (171 percent) in additional annual revenue. The stated effective date was October 15, 2011. The filing was prompted by increased costs for a water system operator, bookkeeping, meter reading, and billing software. The Company’s last rate increase became effective March 1, 2010. The Company serves 83 residential customers near Ravensdale, in King County.
- 2 On October 13, 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’s review of the supporting information found the proposed rates would generate excessive revenues. Staff determined that the Company’s books and records supported a lower revenue requirement of \$24,328 (64 percent) additional annual revenue. Staff and the Company agreed to a revised rate design that would generate the additional \$24,328 revenue. The revised rates decrease the base charge, maintain the two usage blocks, and decrease usage rates. All monthly charges using the revised rates are less than the monthly charges using the Company’s proposed rates that were noticed to customers.
- 4 On December 6, 2011, the Company filed revised rates at Staff-recommended levels, designated as substitute sheets for: Second Revision Sheet No. 21, Canceling First

Revision Sheet No. 21, First Revision Sheet No. 22, and Canceling Original Sheet No. 22. Additionally, the Company filed tariff pages designated as First Revision Sheet No. 2, Canceling Original Sheet No. 2 and Original Sheet No. 3. On December 9, 2011, the Company filed a revised Sheet No. 22 to clarify the application of the metered rates.

- 5 Commission 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, and the Company's financial information supports the revised revenue requirement and the revised rates and charges are fair, just, reasonable, and sufficient.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 6 (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.*
- 7 (2) Cristalina is a water company and a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- 8 (3) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on December 15, 2011.
- 9 (4) The tariff revisions presently under suspension, as revised on December 6, 2011, and December 9, 2011, are fair, just, reasonable and sufficient because Staff has reviewed the books and records and found a revised revenue requirement of \$24,328 (64 percent) is appropriate. Cristalina agreed to the revised revenue requirement and filed revised rates.
- 10 (5) After reviewing the tariff revisions Cristalina filed in Docket UW-111675 on September 15, 2011, as revised on December 6, 2011, and December 9, 2011, 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-111675, dated October 13, 2011, and allow the tariff revisions, as

revised on December 6, 2011, and December 9, 2011, to Tariff WN U-1 to become effective on January 1, 2012.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 11 (1) The Complaint and Order Suspending Tariff Revisions in Docket UW-111675, entered on October 13, 2011, is dismissed.
- 12 (2) The tariff revisions filed by Cristalina, L.L.C. on September 15, 2011, as revised on December 6, 2011, and December 9, 2011, shall become effective on January 1, 2012.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective December 15, 2011.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

JEFFREY D. GOLTZ, Chairman

PATRICK J. OSHIE, Commissioner

PHILIP B. JONES, Commissioner