

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION

In the Matter of)	
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(1) The Filing of Washington Water Service Company and Sunshine Acres Water System Being Jurisdictional and)	DOCKET UW-011136
)	
(2) The Removal of Atlas Development Corporation, Inc., d/b/a Sunshine Acres Water System from Commission Regulation.)	ORDER REMOVING COMPANY FROM REGULATION AND CANCELING TARIFF
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BACKGROUND

- 1 On January 29, 2001, Washington Water Service Company purchased the assets and took over operation and ownership of the Atlas Development Corporation, Inc., d/b/a Sunshine Acres Water System (Sunshine Acres) water systems. The water systems include Sunshine Acres, Lee, and Rondelay Meadows water systems.

- 2 On February 14, 2001, the Commission approved the sale of assets and the tariff adoption of Atlas Development Corporation, Inc., d/b/a Sunshine Acres by Washington Water Service Company. Washington Water Service Company has now filed to incorporate the tariff rates of Sunshine Acres into its currently effective tariff WN U-1, and as a result, the Commission should remove Sunshine Acres from regulation and cancel its currently effective tariff WN U-1. No currently effective rates will change for the customers located on the transferred water systems.

- 3 As a result of this filing, Sunshine Acres is determined to no longer provide regulated water service. The Commission can remove a water company from regulation under the provisions of RCW 80.04.010. A water company cannot be removed from regulation except with the approval of the Commission. Removing Sunshine Acres from regulation will be consistent with the public interest, because the water systems are now operated and owned by Washington Water Service Company, which is regulated by this Commission

- 4 This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled open meeting on September 12, 2001. The Commissioners, having been fully advised in the matter, and having determined the following order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to enter the following order and related provisions.

FINDINGS

- 5 Atlas Development Corporation, Inc., d/b/a Sunshine Acres Water System is an investor-owned water company and is a public service company subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.
- 6 Washington Water Service Company is an investor-owned water company and is a public service company subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.
- 7 From all indications, it appears to be in the public interest to grant the request of removal from regulation and cancel the corresponding tariff.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 8 Atlas Development Corporation, Inc., d/b/a Sunshine Acres Water System is hereby determined not to be jurisdictional pursuant to the Commission staff investigation and documents filed with the Commission.
- 9 Atlas Development Corporation, Inc., d/b/a Sunshine Acres Water System, is removed from regulation by this Commission and its current tariff WN U-1 is canceled as of the effective date of this order

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 12th day of September, 2001.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Secretary