

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition of)	
)	DOCKET UW-011705
North Bainbridge Water Company, Inc.)	
)	ORDER GRANTING WAIVER
For Waiver of WAC 480-110-415 (1))	OF RULE
.....)	

BACKGROUND

1 On December 24, 2001, North Bainbridge Water Company, Inc. (North Bainbridge Water) filed with the Commission a petition requesting exemption from WAC 480-110-415 (1). The contract is for the installation of an 10-inch ductile iron main, 6-inch turbine leak detection devise and backflow prevention devise, fire flow service and a 2-inch service connection to the developer's property. The developer will pay all installation costs.

2 One portion of the contract calls for installation of a leak detection/bypass device (meter). North Bainbridge states the purpose of this device is not to measure routine water consumption, but to detect leaks and unauthorized usage. If any usage were detected, North Bainbridge would then recover costs associated with water usage according to the company's tariff rates for water service.

3 North Bainbridge is requesting a limited waiver of WAC 480-110-415 (1). This WAC provides that the water company bears the cost of the meter and meter installation. This leak detection/bypass device is not used to determine monthly water service charge, except in the case of unauthorized usage.

4 This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled open meeting on January 9, 2002. The Commissioners, 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 (1) North Bainbridge Water Company, Inc., is a public service company subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission under the provision under the provision(s) of chapter 80.04 RCW.

- 6 (2) The waiver of WAC 480-110-415 (1) as described above, is reasonable and consistent with the public interest, subject to the mailing of the customer notice, and should therefore be approved.

ORDER

- 7 After the effective date of this Order, North Bainbridge Water Company, Inc., is hereby granted a waiver of WAC 480-110-415 (1).

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 9th day of January, 2002.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION Commission

CAROLE J. WASHBURN
Secretary