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VIA HAND DELIVERY

David Danner, Executive Director and Secretary Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW Olympia, WA 98504-7250

> Northwest Water System - First Revised Sheet No. 21 Canceling Re: Original Sheet No. 21

Dear Mr. Danner:

Enclosed are the original and three copies of the above-referenced tariff sheet. The purpose of this filing is to pass through the increase in rates that will go into effect January 1, 2010, from the City of Everett.

It is the Company's understanding from discussions with the City of Everett that the base rate will increase by \$23.20 per month. The water usage rate will increase by \$0.02 per cubic foot and the filter rate will increase by \$0.0004 per cubic foot.

The person that relayed this information from the City of Everett to the Company may be contacted by calling (425) 257-8999.

The Company has previously provided the Commission Staff with balance sheets, income statement, depreciation schedule, list of assets, customer list, and customer usage, as well as other data. Since is a passthrough there are no restating or pro forma adjustments. There are no unregulated activities. A general ledger will be provided under separate cover. To the extent this does not provide everything required by WAC 480-07-530 or WAC 480-80-105, a waiver is requested.

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This pass-through will increase the base rate by approximately 2%, the first usage block by approximately 43% and the second usage block by approximately 26.5%. The filing will generate approximately \$4,000 in additional revenue. A comparison of current and proposed rates is included in the enclosed Customer Notice which was mailed to each customer on December 23, 2009.

The undersigned has authority to file tariff sheets on behalf of the Company. Questions to the Company should be addressed to Ms. Sondra LeBaron of Water Services who is the billing agent for the Company.

Thank you for your attention to this filing.

Sincerely

RICHARD A. FINNIGAN

RAF/km Enclosures

cc:

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