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Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
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Re: Petition for Deregulation

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Silver Lake Water Company has reviewed its current operations and petitions the commission to be deregulated.

The water system assets along with the customer lists and all operations have been transferred to Northwest Water Services, LLC. Since Silver Lake Water Company no longer provides water service to any customers and does not intend to in the future provide any water service we wish to be deregulated.

Attached are the following documents:

1. Other; Docket UW-171117, ORDER 01
2. Documents that company has stopped doing business.
3. Other; Proof of Service Docket 17117
4. UW-171117

Please remove Silver Lake Water Company from your list of regulated utilities and cancel its current tariff WN-U1 under the name of Silver Lake Water Company.

We recognize that this review and deregulation may take up to 60 days to complete.

If you have any questions or need additional information please contact us at

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Contact person: Julie Richards

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julie Richards".

Bookkeeper

Enclosures

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Application of

SILVER LAKE WATER COMPANY,
INC.,

Applicant,

For the Sale and Transfer of Assets to
NORTHWEST WATER SERVICES, LLC

DOCKET UW-171117

ORDER 01

ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION
FOR SALE AND TRANSFER OF
ASSETS; ADOPTING TARIFF

BACKGROUND

- 1 On November 10, 2017, Silver Lake Water Company, Inc. (Silver Lake Water or the utility) and Northwest Water Services, LLC (Northwest Water Services) (collectively, the Companies), filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) an application for sale and transfer of assets pursuant to the provisions of RCW 80.12 (Application).
- 2 Silver Lake Water serves 216 customers near Oak Harbor in Island County. The utility's system is known as Silver Lake Water (ID#79245N). Northwest Water Services intends to acquire the water system assets of Silver Lake Water for \$80,000. If the Commission approves the sale and transfer of Silver Lake Water to Northwest Water Services, Northwest Water Services will be subject to any obligations the Commission imposed on Silver Lake Water.
- 3 The Companies explained several benefits of the sale and transfer of assets. First, Northwest Water Services desires to own and operate water systems on an ongoing basis and Silver Lake Water's current owners no longer desire to own and operate the water system. Second, Northwest Water Services will be able to bring economies of scale benefits to the utility in certain areas, such as billing, collecting, and insurance. Finally, Northwest Water Services has performed operations and billing, and its staff is familiar with the utility's operations.
- 4 Silver Lake Water notified its customers of the sale and transfer of assets in a mailing on November 9, 2017. Northwest Water Services, LLC filed with the Commission the

journal entries by which it proposes to record on its books the transfer of water system assets authorized herein. The effective date for accounting purposes will be December 15, 2017.

5 Pursuant to RCW 80.12.020 and WAC 480-143-170, applicants proposing a transaction of this sort must “at least demonstrate no harm to the public interest.”¹ The Commission also looks to the new company’s financial and managerial fitness to run the operations.²

6 Commission staff (Staff) has reviewed the application and determined that the companies have sufficiently demonstrated there are substantial benefits to the transfer. Accordingly, Staff recommends the Commission grant the Companies’ Application.

DISCUSSION

7 We agree with Staff’s recommendation and approve the Application. Based on Staff’s review, it appears the transaction exceeds the “no harm” standard and will be in the public interest. We note that this Order approves only the sale and transfer of assets, and neither approves nor disapproves the reasonableness of the purchase price or any fees, charges, rates, or accounting allocations related to the transaction. The Commission reserves the right to review those fees, charges, rates, or accounting allocations in a future rate proceeding.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 8 (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.
- 9 (2) Silver Lake Water is an investor-owned water company and is a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- 10 (3) Northwest Water Services is an investor-owned water company and is a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.

¹ *In Re Application of PacifiCorp & Scottish Power, LLC*, Docket UE-981627, Third Supplemental Order on Prehearing Conference at 2-3 (April 2, 1999).

² *Id.*

- 11 (4) Silver Lake Water notified its customers of the sale and transfer of assets in a mailing on November 9, 2017.
- 12 (5) Northwest Water Services will acquire the water system assets of Silver Lake Water for \$80,000.
- 13 (6) As a result of this sale and transfer of water system assets, Northwest Water Services will adopt Silver Lake Water's tariff rates.
- 14 (7) This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on December 14, 2017.
- 15 (8) The proposed transfer and tariff rate adoption will have an effective date of December 15, 2017. This date coincides with Silver Lake Water's billing periods. For accounting purposes, the utility's accounting records will be transferred and effective on December 15, 2017.
- 16 (9) The application meets the requirements of RCW 80.12 and the rules and regulations of the Commission. WAC 480-143.
- 17 (10) After reviewing the application Silver Lake Water filed in Docket UW-171117 on November 10, 2017, and giving due consideration, the Commission finds that the Application of the Sale and Transfer of Assets by Silver Lake Water to Northwest Water Services is consistent with, and demonstrates no harm to, the public interest and should be approved.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 18 (1) The Commission authorizes the Sale and Transfer of the Assets of Silver Lake Water Company, Inc. to Northwest Water Services, LLC consistent with the joint application filed in November 10, 2017, consistent with RCW 80.12.020. No material change, revision, or amendment to the joint application and agreement shall become effective without the Commission's prior written approval.
- 19 (2) The Commission approves Northwest Water Services, LLC's adoption of the tariffs of Silver Lake Water Company, Inc., to become effective on the date of the transfer, December 15, 2017.

- 20 (3) This Order shall not affect the Commission's authority over rates, services, accounts, valuations, estimates, or determination of costs, on any matters that may come before it. Nor shall this Order be construed as an agreement to any estimate or determination of costs, or any valuation of property claimed or asserted.
- 21 (4) The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and Silver Lake Water Company, Inc., and Northwest Water Services, LLC to effectuate the provisions of this Order.

The Commissioners, having determined this Order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective December 14, 2017.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

STEVEN V. KING, Executive Director and Secretary

Washington State Department of Revenue

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Business name: SILVER LAKE WATER CO INC

Entity type: Profit Corporation

UBI #: 600-368-030

Business ID: 001

Location ID: 0001

Location: Closed

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BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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DOCKET 171117

I HEREBY CERTIFY That I, as an employee of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission at Olympia, Washington, have served on 12/14/2017 the parties of record in this proceeding a true copy of the following document(s):

Order 01 Order Granting Application for Sale and Transfer of Assets; Adopting Tariff.

The copy of the document(s) was/were sent to each of the parties of record in this docket at the address shown in the official file and listed below, by electronic mail only.

/s/ Ashley Huff

Ashley Huff, Customer Service Specialist

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Docket No UW-171117

Advice

Company Silver Lake Water Company, Inc.;Northwest Water Services, LLC

Filing Type Transfer of Property

Industry Water

Status Closed ✓

Lead Staff Ward, Jim (UTC)

Filed Date 11/13/2017

Effective Date 1/1/2018

Closed Date 12/14/2017

Summary

Joint application for the sale and transfer of the Silver Lake Water System (Department of Health ID # 79245N). Northwest Water Services, LLC, filed tariff updates to the company's service area and rate page reflecting the addition of Silver Lake water system serving 216 customers near Oak Harbor in Island County. The company already serves 150 customers located on various water systems in Snohomish, Skagit and Island Counties.

Narrative

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