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Re: Rule Changes Regarding Bills/Late Payment Charge

Cascadia Water, LLC (Cascadia or Company), files herewith the following revisions to the tariffs listed below.

For the reasons below, Cascadia respectfully requests that the Commission approve this tariff change to become effective on March 27, 2020, with less than statutory notice (LSN). The information required by WAC 480-80-122(1) is included below. In accordance with WAC 480-80-122(2), the proposed tariff sheets attached herein are stated to become effective with service on and after April 15, 2020.

Company	Sheet	Tariff	Schedule
Lehman	First Revision of Sheet No. 8	Water Service Rules and Regulations	Rule 11 – Bills / Late Payment Charge
Sea View	First Revision of Sheet No. 27	Water Service Rules and Regulations	Rule 10 – Bills / Late Payment Charge
Estates	First Revision of Sheet No. 44	Water Service Rules and Regulations	Rule 14 – Bills / Late Payment Charge

Purpose

The purpose of this filing is to provide minor modifications to the tariff sheets listed above that would allow the Company discretion in charging Late Payment Charges. The Company seeks this flexibility in order to be immediately responsive to the rapidly changing economic conditions facing customers in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic and respectfully requests an effective date of March 27, 2020, with less than statutory notice.

Background

The Company is actively monitoring and evaluating the latest news and impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. In anticipation of potential impacts to our customers that may be affected by COVID-19, the Company wants to maintain flexibility by not requiring the charging of Late Payment Charges.

Proposed Changes

The Company proposes to make a minor change to the rules listed above to indicate that Late Payment Charges **may** be assessed but the Company is not required to assess them as circumstances may warrant.

LSN Information Required by WAC 480-80-122

a) Utility Information:

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b) Tariff Identification Information:

Tariff WN U-1:

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c) Concise description of the changes proposed:

The Company proposes a minor change that would allow the Company to not charge Late Payment Charges by changing operative language in the tariff from “shall” to “may.”

d) Reason for requesting LSN handling:

The Company seeks to be immediately responsive to the rapidly changing economic conditions facing customers in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

e) Effective Date Requested:

March 27, 2020

f) Tariff Authority:

In accordance with WAC 480-80-122(1)(f) see signature on tariff sheets.

Conclusion

The Company respectfully requests that the Commission approve these tariff changes to become effective on March 27, 2020, with less than statutory notice.

Copies of this letter and the attached filing are available in the Company’s main office in Freeland, Washington, and on the website at www.nwnaturalwater.com.

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As requested by WAC 480-80-103(4)(a), I certify that I have authority to issue tariff revisions on behalf of Cascadia.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments:

NEW-Cascadia-WUTC-Advice-20-1-Estates-Trf-Rule-14-03-16-2020
NEW-Cascadia-WUTC-Advice-20-1-Lehman-Trf-Rule-11-03-16-2020
NEW-Cascadia-WUTC-Advice-20-1-Sea-View-Trf-Rule-10-03-16-2020