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Mark L. Johnson, Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
621 Woodland Square Loop SE
Lacey, Washington 98503

Re: Rule 11 – Bills/Late Payment Charge

Suncadia Water Company, LLC (Suncadia or Company), files herewith the following revisions to its Washington Tariff.

For the reasons below, Suncadia 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 sheet attached herein is stated to become effective with service on and after April 15, 2020.

First Revision of Sheet No. 6	Water Service Rules and Regulations	Rule 11 – Bills / Late Payment Charge
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Purpose

The purpose of this filing is to provide minor modifications to the tariff sheet 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 Rule 11 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:

Water Service Rules and Regulations – Rule 11 Bills/Late Payment Charge
Sheet No. 6

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 sheet.

Conclusion

The Company respectfully requests that the Commission approve this tariff change 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 Cle Elum, Washington, and on the website at www.nwnaturalwater.com.

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

Please address correspondence on this matter to me with copies to the following:

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