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Ms. Amanda Maxwell, Executive Director and Secretary Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission 621 Woodland Square Loop SE Lacey, WA 98503

State Of WASH.
UTIL. AND TRANSP.
COMMISSION

Washington Water Service Company – Acquisition of Bethel Greenacres – Second Revision of Sheet No. 29 Canceling First Revision of Sheet No. 29

Dear Ms. Maxwell:

Re:

This filing is to add the Bethel Greenacres water system to the Washington Water Service Company tariff. The Company is adding the new system to the East Pierce tariff sheet.

The Company has done an analysis and by adding the system to the East Pierce tariff sheet, the rates that the customers pay will be <u>less</u> than their current rates. As a result, the Company respectfully requests that it be allowed to use rates other than the rates that existed at the time of acquisition pursuant to WAC 480-110-433(2)(c). The analysis showing that the East Pierce rates would actually be less than current rates is attached. It is a benefit to the customers to allow the use of different rates since the rates are lower.

The water system is located in Southeast Pierce County. The water system acquisition has been approved via vote of the members of the Bethel Greenacres Water Association. A copy of the Asset Purchase Agreement is attached.

The goal is to close the acquisition on February 10, 2023. This anticipates that the matter will be on the Commission's open meeting agenda on February 9, 2023.

A copy of the customer notice is attached.

Records Management

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

RICHARD A. FINNIGAN

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cc: Client (via e-mail)