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VIA EMAIL and U.S. MAIL

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

RE: Docket # UW-091466 Rainier View Water Company, Inc.
Bethel School District's Request for Continuance

Dear Director Danner:

This firm represents the Bethel School District ("Bethel" or the "District") with respect to the above proposed tariff revision. Bethel formally requests the Commission remove this matter from the Open Public Meeting agenda for May 27, 2010.

This matter was originally set on the Open Public Meeting agenda for May 13, 2010. Following comments received by the District, UTC staff and Rainier View Water Company ("Rainier View") agreed to continue this matter and reset it for consideration by the Commission at the May 27, 2010 Open Public Meeting. Since that time, Bethel has been diligently working to resolve the calculation formulas used in its prior submission, investigate the meters and data at its numerous school sites, and reconcile its data with that offered by Rainier View. Yesterday, on May 18, 2010, the UTC staff sent Bethel a comprehensive summary chart purportedly identifying Bethel's water usage, based on 2008 data, and providing a comparison of Bethel's rates under the current tariff and under Rainier View's proposed increases. Significant discrepancies exist in the data provided by the UTC staff. UTC staff have requested Rainier View explain these discrepancies.

Based on the above-noted discrepancies, and the limited time the District has had to analyze the data and the proposed rate increases, the District requests this matter be removed from the May 27, 2010 Open Public Meeting Agenda. Without confirmation that all parties are considering accurate and uniform data, the District cannot evaluate the actual impact to the District of the proposed tariff revisions. The District requests this matter be set over to allow reasonable and sufficient time for the District to review its historic billing and usage data, compare that data to that being relied on by the UTC, and

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consider the impact of these significant rate increases. The District has made several requests to both UTC staff and Rainier View to continue this matter--to date, such requests have gone unanswered.

Bethel previously had only days to consider the proposed tariff revisions submitted, without notice to the District, on May 3. The prior lack of statutory notice is compounded by the magnitude of the data. The impact of the ultimate decision by the Commission on the District's budget resources is substantial and may have far reaching impacts to the community as well given the recreational use by the community. Bethel has had insufficient notice, time, and opportunity to meaningfully review the impact of the proposed revised tariff revisions. The District requests that the Commission's consideration of this matter permit sufficient time for the District to consider the impact of the proposal, and proceed in accordance with the timing and notice requirements set forth in WAC 480-110-425 and WAC 480-110-431.

Thank you for your consideration of and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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