IMPORTANT NOTICE

March 25, 2005

Washington Water Service Company has asked the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (WUTC) for permission to transfer ownership of the Bucklin Water System ID #66936L, Foss Road Water System ID #63918X, Johanson Water System ID #36782F, Northwood Water System ID #62100E, and Phelps Road Water System ID #63210W, from Gamble Bay Water Company.

The WUTC holds an open meeting in Olympia on all transfer requests. The open meeting is scheduled for Wednesday April 27, 2005, if approved the transfer will be effective May 1, 2005. If you cannot attend the meeting on this proposal and would like your comments reflected in the formal record, you may call or write the WUTC at the following address:

Secretary, Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission P.O. Box 47250 Olympia, WA 98504-7250 1-800-562-6150 E-mail address: <u>Comments@wutc.wa.gov</u>

If the Sale and Transfer is approved by the WUTC you will receive a final bill from Gamble Bay Water Company for water service through April 30, 2005. Your rates will remain the same at this time. You will receive your first bill from Washington Water Service Company about June 1, 2005 for your May water service and you will be billed monthly from thereon. Our customer service department can be reached toll free at (877)-408-4060 for any questions or concerns regarding your monthly billing statements, customer account set-ups, and closures.

Washington Water Service Company is the largest investor owned water utility company in the State of Washington and is regulated by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission. We currently provide water service to over 18,500 homes in Clallam, Jefferson, King, Kitsap, Mason, Pierce, and Thurston Counties. WWSC has the experience and resources necessary to provide the highest level of customer service available. We take great pride in providing excellent water quality and services to our customers and value your input and concerns as well. In 1999 two of the largest investor owned utility companies in the state of Washington formerly known as Harbor Water Co., Inc. and South Sound Utility Co., Inc. were merged to create Washington Water Service Company. You can also learn more about WWSC by visiting our web site at <u>www.wawater.com</u>.

Our Northwest Region, located in Gig Harbor Washington, is currently responsible for the day-to-day maintenance and operations of your water system through an operation and maintenance agreement with Gamble Bay. The same service will continue after the sale of the water systems. We would like to extend a warm welcome to you and your family, and encourage you to give us a call if you have any questions or concerns regarding the purchase of the water system. The Northwest Region staff can be reached at (253) 851-4060 or toll free at (877) 408-4060 - 24 hours a day to assist you with your water quality needs and concerns. Our office is located at 14519 Peacock Hill Avenue NW, Gig Harbor, office hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

cc: Washington State Department of Health Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission