BEFORE THE WASHINGTON

## UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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| In the Matter of the Application of  T & T PROFESSIONAL SERVICE aka WATER AND WASTEWATER MANGEMENT SERVICES, LLC, ROBERT THURSTON, and CHERI THURSTON  For an Order Approving the Transfer of Piper Water System, Pinewood Water System, and Lightmoor Court Water System  . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .  WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,  Complainant,  v.  T & T PROFESSIONAL SERVICE aka WATER AND WASTEWATER MANGEMENT SERVICES, LLC, ROBERT THURSTON, and CHERI THURSTON  Respondent.  . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | )  )  )  )  )  )  )  )  )  )  )  )  )  )  )  )  )  )  )  )  )  )  )  )  )  )  )  )  ) | DOCKET UW-143617  (*Consolidated*)  ORDER 01  Docket UW-150791  (*Consolidated*)  ORDER 01  PREHEARING CONFERENCE ORDER AND ORDER OF CONSOLIDATION; NOTICE OF BRIEF ADJUDICATIVE PROCEEDING  **(Set for Wednesday, August 5, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.)** |

1. **BACKGROUND.** On July 25, 2014, T & T Professional Services aka Water and Wastewater Management Services, LLC (T & T Professional Services or Company), filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) an application to transfer ownership and cease operations of its three water systems – Piper Water System, Pinewood Water System, and Lightmoor Court Water System – with a proposed effective date of June 17, 2015.
2. **CONFERENCE.** On June 15, 2015, the Commission convened a prehearing conference before Administrative Law Judge Rayne Pearson to determine the scope of the issues to be presented in this docket and to adopt a procedural schedule.
3. **APPEARANCES.** Brett P. Shearer, Assistant Attorney General, Olympia, Represents Commission Staff. [[1]](#footnote-1) Cheri Thurston, Owner/Operator T & T Professional Services, Port Ludlow, represents the Company. Contact information for the parties’ representatives is attached as Appendix A to this order.
4. **INTERVENTION.** On June 12, 2015, Robin Moeur, representative for Piper Water System, filed a petition to intervene. Neither Staff nor the Company objected to Ms. Moeur’s petition. Because Ms. Moeur has a compelling interest in this case as both a customer and as a representative for the customers of Piper Water System, her petition was granted.
5. **CONSOLIDATION.** Neither party objected to the Commission’s motion to consolidate Dockets UW-143617 and UW-150791. To preserve Commission time and resources, these dockets are consolidated.
6. **CONSENT TO ELECTRONIC SERVICE.** All parties have consented to service electronically. The Commission, therefore, may serve only electronic copies of notices and orders in this docket to the party and representative email addresses on file with the Commission.
7. **BRIEF ADJUDICATIVE PROCEEDING.** Pursuant to RCW 34.05.482 and WAC 480-07-610, the Commission determines that a brief adjudicative proceeding is appropriate to address T & T Professional Service’s application for transfer of ownership in Docket UW-143617 and the Company’s request for mitigation of the penalty assessment in Docket UW-150791.
8. **PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE.** The parties agreed upon, and the Commission adopts, the following procedural schedule:

Settlement Conference (Parties Only) Monday, July 20, 2015, at 10:00 a.m.

Brief Adjudicative Proceeding Wednesday, August 5, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.

1. **NOTICE OF BRIEF ADJUDICATIVE PROCEEDING.** The Commission will hold a brief adjudicative proceeding in this matter on **Wednesday, August 5, 2015, in Room 206, Second Floor, Richard Hemstad Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington.**
2. **EXHIBIT AND WITNESS LISTS.** Each party must file with the Commission and serve on all parties a list of all exhibits the party intends to offer for admission into the record **no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 29, 2015**, and bring an original and three (3) copies of each exhibit to the hearing. The presiding officer may refuse to admit any exhibits that are not provided by the deadline. Filing shall be in accordance with WAC 480-07-140 and – 145.
3. Each party must also file with the Commission and serve on all parties a list of all witnesses the party intends to present at the hearing and a brief summary of the testimony each witness will give **no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 29, 2015.** The presiding officer may decline to allow testimony from any witnesses not listed.
4. **ALTERNATE DISPUTE RESOLUTION.** The Commission supports the informal settlement of matters before it. Parties are encouraged to consider means of resolving disputes informally. The Commission does have limited ability to provide dispute resolution services; if you wish to explore those services, please call the Director, Administrative Law Division, at 360-664-1355.
5. **NOTICE TO PARTIES: A party who objects to any portion of this Order must file a written objection within ten (10) calendar days after the service date of this Order, pursuant to WAC 480-07-430 and WAC 480-07-810. The service date appears on the first page of the order in the upper right-hand corner. Absent such objection, this Order will control further proceedings in this matter, subject to Commission review.**

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective June 16, 2015.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

RAYNE PEARSON

Administrative Law Judge

**APPENDIX A**

**PARTIES’ REPRESENTATIVES**

**CONSOLIDATED DOCKETS UW-143617 AND UW-150791**

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1. In formal proceedings, such as this, the Commission’s regulatory staff participates like any other party, while the Commissioners make the decision. To assure fairness, the Commissioners, the presiding administrative law judge, and the Commissioners’ policy and accounting advisors do not discuss the merits of this proceeding with the regulatory staff, or any other party, without giving notice and opportunity for all parties to participate. *See* RCW 34.05.455*.* [↑](#footnote-ref-1)