

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION

In the Matter of)	
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)	DOCKET UW-020220
Bethel Water Company)	
Requesting Tariff Revision)	ORDER
)	REQUIRING
)	REPORTING
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BACKGROUND

- 1 On February 25, 2002, Bethel Water Company, (Bethel Water or Company) filed for general rates in the form of a surcharge in the amount of approximately \$2,434 (7.7%) of revenue per year. Bethel Water is filing to repay a Small Business Administration (SBA) loan used for repairing earthquake damage from the Nisqually earthquake in February 2001. The Company serves approximately 78 customers east of Bethel in south Pierce County.

- 2 This filing is made to repay a loan used to repairs several pieces of broken distribution piping, repair meters and meter boxes, replace a damaged sampling station and replacement of a booster pump and 3 inch meter. The SBA loan will run for approximately 44 months with an annual interest rate of 4%.

- 3 This surcharge is to apply to all water customers served by the company. This surcharge will expire on December 31, 2005, or upon recovery of \$8,298 loan principal, plus interest charges, whichever occurs first.

FINDINGS

- 4 (1) Bethel Water Company is an investor-owned water company and a public service company subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.

O R D E R

5 THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 6 (1) Bethel Water Company will provide quarterly reports in a format provided by Commission Staff. Quarterly reports will continue until the surcharge is complete per the tariff requirements. Quarterly reports will be forwarded to the Commission within 45 days of the quarters end.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 27th day of March, 2002.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MARILYN SHOWALTER, Chairwoman

RICHARD HEMSTAD, Commissioner

PATRICK J. OSHIE, Commissioner