

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION

In the Matter of)	
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(1) The Filing of North Bainbridge Water Company Inc. Being Jurisdictional and)	DOCKET UW-020277
)	
(2) The Removal of North Bainbridge Water Company, Inc. from Commission Regulation.)	ORDER REMOVING COMPANY FROM REGULATION AND CANCELING TARIFF
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BACKGROUND

- 1 On February 28, 2002, Kitsap County PUD No. 1 purchased the assets and took over operation and ownership of the North Bainbridge Water Company, Inc. water system. The water system serves approximately 1,550 customers on the north end of Bainbridge Island in Kitsap County.

- 2 Kitsap Public Utility District (PUD) No. 1 is a municipal corporation in Washington State with boundaries the same as Kitsap County. Kitsap PUD is governed by an elected board of commissioners. Its purpose is to preserve and protect the water resources of Kitsap County for the benefit of the people, and to supply public utility service.

- 3 As a result of this filing, North Bainbridge Water Company, Inc., is determined to no longer provide regulated water service. The Commission can remove a water company from regulation under the provisions of RCW 80.04.010. A water company cannot be removed from regulation except with the approval of the Commission. Removing North Bainbridge Water Company, Inc. from regulation will be consistent with the public interest, because the water system is now operated and owned by Kitsap County PUD No. 1, which is not regulated by this Commission.

- 4 This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled open meeting on March 27, 2002. The Commissioners, having been fully advised in the matter, and having determined the following order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to enter the following order and related provisions.

FINDINGS

- 5 North Bainbridge Water Company, Inc., is an investor-owned water company and is a public service company subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.

6 Kitsap County PUD No. 1 is a special purpose utility district with members governing
its operations, and as such is not subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.

7 From all indications, it appears to be in the public interest to grant the request of
removal from regulation and cancel the corresponding tariff.

O R D E R

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

8 North Bainbridge Water Company, Inc., is hereby determined not to be jurisdictional
pursuant to the Commission staff investigation and documents filed with the
Commission.

9 North Bainbridge Water Company, Inc., is removed from regulation by this
Commission and its current tariff WN U-3 is canceled as of the effective date of this
order.

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

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Secretary