

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION

In the Matter of

ALDERBROOK WATER COMPANY,
INC.,

Removal of ALDERBROOK WATER
COMPANY, INC., from Commission
Regulation.

DOCKET NO. UW-021279

ORDER REMOVING COMPANY
FROM REGULATION AND
CANCELLING TARIFF

BACKGROUND

1 On December 7, 2001, Public Utility District No. 1 of Mason County purchased the assets and took over operation and ownership of the Alderbrook Water Company, Inc. The water system provides water service to the Alderbrook development with approximately 860 residential customers near Union, in Mason County.

2 As a result of this investigation, Alderbrook 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 Alderbrook Water Company, Inc., from regulation will be consistent with the public interest, because the water system is now operated and owned by Public Utility District No. 1 of Mason County, which is not regulated by the Commission.

3 This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled open meeting on October 23, 2002. The Commissioners, having determined the following order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to enter the following order and related provisions.

FINDINGS

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

5 Public Utility District No. 1 of Mason County is exempt from Commission regulation under 80.12.020 RCW and 36.96.010 RCW and is not subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.

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

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 7 Alderbrook Water Company, Inc., is hereby determined not to be jurisdictional pursuant to the Commission Staff investigation and documents filed with the Commission.
- 8 Alderbrook Water Company, Inc., is removed from regulation by this Commission and its current tariff WN U-1 is cancelled as of the effective date of this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 23rd day of October, 2002.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Secretary