

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of)	DOCKET NO. U-030164
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)	ORDER NO. 01
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)	ORDER DECREASING
)	REGULATORY FEES TO .00185 FOR
)	ELECTRIC, GAS, WATER,
)	TELECOMMUNICATIONS, AND
Fees to be Paid by Class One)	IRRIGATION COMPANIES SUBJECT
Companies Under the Provisions of)	TO REGULATION BY THE
RCW 80.24.010.)	COMMISSION
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BACKGROUND

- 1 RCW 80.24.010 requires that every public service company subject to regulation by the Commission shall, on or before the date specified by the Commission for filing annual reports under RCW 80.04.080, file with the Commission a statement on oath showing its gross operating revenue from intrastate operations for the preceding calendar year or portion thereof and pay to the Commission a fee equal to one-tenth of one percent of the first fifty thousand dollars of gross operating revenue, plus two-tenths of one percent of any gross operating revenue in excess of fifty thousand dollars: PROVIDED, That the fee shall in no case be less than one dollar. Electric, gas, water, telecommunications and irrigation companies constitute Class One.

- 2 The percentage rate to be paid in any year may be decreased by the Commission by general order. In decreasing such rate, the Commission is required to take into consideration the monies then in the Class One account of the public service revolving fund and the fees currently to be paid, to the end that the fees collected shall be approximately the same as the reasonable cost of regulating Class One companies. In 2002 the fee was set at one-tenth of one percent of the first fifty thousand dollars or gross operating revenue, plus two-tenths of one percent of

any gross operating revenue in excess of fifty thousand dollars. In no case was the fee less than one dollar.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 3 The 2003 regulatory fee is now before the Commission for consideration and the Commission, being advised, has considered all monies on hand and the fees currently to be paid and determined the fee to be paid by Class One companies shall be .185 of one percent.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 4 The fee to be paid by Class One companies to the Commission under the provisions of RCW 80.24.010 is fixed at one-tenth of one percent of the first fifty thousand dollars of gross operating revenue, plus .185 of one percent of any gross operating revenue in excess of fifty thousand dollars based on 2002 calendar year operations. The fee in no case will be less than one dollar.

The Commissioners, having determined the fee for 2003 directed the Secretary to issue this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 12th day of February, 2003.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Secretary