Agenda Date: April 30, 2003

Item Number:

Docket: **UW-030496**

Company Name: Kayak Point Water Co., Inc.

Staff: Jim Ward, Regulatory Analyst

Recommendation:

Issue a Complaint and Order Suspending the Tariff Revisions filed by Kayak Point Water Co., Inc., in Docket UW-030496.

Background:

On April 11, 2003, Kayak Point Water Co., Inc., (Kayak Point Water or Company) filed to add language to its tariff to implement a Cross Connection Control Program and implementing charges for inspections.

The Washington State Department of Health (DOH) has established rules and regulations (WAC 246-290-490) dealing with potential cross connection hazards in water systems. A cross connection hazard is a source of potential contamination to the public water supply that occurs from the customer's own water pipes. In order to determine if such a hazard exists on the customer's piping, each customer is being sent a survey to gather information about each customer's piping and to allow the water company to evaluate the potential for backflow into public drinking water systems. Commercial customers will receive a mandatory on-site inspection for cross connection evaluation.

The tariff proposes that if a potential hazard related to cross connection is detected, the customer will be required to take appropriate remedial action(s) as directed by the water company to minimize the potential hazard. The tariff revisions provide for customer disconnection from the water system if a back-flow prevention device is not installed.

The Commission received one letter opposed to the filing. The current and proposed rates are provided below:

<u>Rates</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Site visit – per visit	N/A	\$ 35.00
Premise Inspection Charge	N/A	\$ 65.00 per hour

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Conclusion

The Company has not yet demonstrated that the proposed rates are fair, just, and reasonable. Therefore, Staff recommends that the Commission issue a Complaint and Order Suspending the Tariff Revisions filed by Kayak Point Water Co., Inc., in Docket UW-030496.