

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

In the Matter of the Petition of)	DOCKET NO. UW-030588
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STROH'S WATER COMPANY,)	ORDER NO. 01
INC.,)	
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Petitioner,)	
)	
Seeking Exemption from the)	
Provisions of WAC 480-110-275(3))	ORDER GRANTING
Relating to Filing of Annual)	EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE
Reports by Water Companies.)	ANNUAL REPORT
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BACKGROUND

- 1 On April 24, 2003, Stroh's Water Company, Inc., (Stroh's Water or the Company) filed with the Commission a petition requesting an extension to file its annual report under the provisions of WAC 480-110-275(4). The petition requests Stroh's Water Company, Inc., be granted an extension of time to May 14, 2003, to file its 2002 annual report. According to the Company, it is unable to prepare its report due to its accountant's work load.

- 2 Commission Staff reviewed the request and recommended granting Stroh's Water's request for an extension of time to May 14, 2003, to file its 2002 annual report.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 3 (1) The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate rates, rules, regulations, practices, accounts, securities, and transfers of public service companies, including water companies. *RCW 80.01.040, Chapter 80.04 RCW and Chapter 80.28 RCW.*

- 4 (2) Stroh's Water is a water company and is a public service company subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.
- 5 (3) Stroh's Water is subject to the provisions of RCW 80.04.080 and WAC 480-110-275, requiring water companies to file an annual report no later than May 1st of each year.
- 6 (4) WAC 480-110-215 provides that the Commission may grant an exemption from the provisions of any rule in Chapter 480-110 WAC, if consistent with the public interest, the purposes underlying regulation and applicable statutes.
- 7 (5) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on May 14, 2003.
- 8 (6) After review of the petition filed in Docket UW-030588 by Stroh's Water on April 24, 2003, and giving due consideration, the Commission finds that the circumstances facing the Company support an extension of the filing deadline to May 14, 2002; that the extension is consistent with the public interest and the purpose of the regulation in securing accurate as well as timely information; and that the extension is reasonable and an exemption should be granted.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 9 (1) The Commission grants the exemption sought by Stroh's Water Company, Inc., for an extension of time to May 14, 2003, to file its 2002 annual report.

- 10 (2) Failure by Stroh's Water Company, Inc., to file its 2002 annual report by May 14, 2003, may result in the Commission invoking provisions of Chapter 80.04 RCW that provide for penalty assessments.
- 11 (3) The Commission retains jurisdiction over Stroh's Water Company, Inc., and the subject matter to effectuate the provisions of this Order.

The Commissioners, having determined this Order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 14th day of May, 2003.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Secretary