BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition of)	DOCKET NO. UW-030775
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AMERICAN WATER)	ORDER NO. 01
RESOURCES, INC.,)	
Petitioner,)	
)	ORDER GRANTING
Seeking Exemption from the Provisions)	EXEMPTION FROM RULE;
of WAC 480-110-275(3) Relating to)	GRANTING COMPANY
Filing of Annual Reports by Water)	ADDITIONAL TIME TO FILE
Companies.)	ANNUAL REPORT
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BACKGROUND

- On May 23, 2003, American Water Resources, Inc., (American Water or the Company) filed with the Commission a petition requesting an extension to file its 2002 annual report as required by WAC 480-110-275(4). The petition requests American Water be granted an extension of time to July 1, 2003, to file its 2002 annual report. According to the Company, it is unable to prepare the report because compilation of its financial records has not been completed, data entry problems, and software viruses.
- The reason stated for this extension is similar to one earlier received by this Company in Docket UW-030601. In that case, the Commission approved the requested extension on the condition that American Water file its 2002 annual report no later than June 1, 2003. American Water filed its 2002 annual report on June 18, 2003.
- Commission Staff reviewed the request and recommended granting American Water's request for exemption.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate public service companies, including water companies. RCW 80.01.040; Chapter 80.04 RCW and Chapter 80.28 RCW.
- 5 (2) American Water is a water company and is a public service company subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.
- 6 (3) American Water is subject to the provisions of RCW 80.04.080 and WAC 480-110-275, requiring water companies to file an annual report by May 1st of each year.
- 7 (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.
- This is the second extension request received this year by this Company for the same reason. In Docket UW-030601, an earlier extension was granted in this matter on condition that American Water file its 2002 annual report no later than June 1, 2003. American Water filed its 2002 annual report June 18, 2003.
- 9 (6) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on July 9, 2003.

10 (7) After review of the petition filed in Docket UW-030775 by American Water on May 23, 2003, and giving due consideration, the Commission finds that the exemption is reasonable and should be granted.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 11 (1) The exemption sought by American Water Resources, Inc., for an extension until July 1, 2003, to file its 2002 annual report is granted.
- 12 (2) The Commission retains jurisdiction over American Water Resources, 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 9th day of July, 2003.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Secretary