

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 4 (1) 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.
- 8 (5) 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.

O R D E R

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