

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

In the Matter of	)	DOCKET NO. U-040263
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	)	ORDER NO. 01
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	)	ORDER INCREASING
	)	REGULATORY FEES TO .0019 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: The minimum regulatory fee is twenty-dollars (\$20.00) A fee of less than twenty-dollars (\$20.00) has been waived pursuant to WAC 480-90-208; WAC 480-100-208; WAC 480-110-275; WAC 480-120-303; and WAC 480-120-304. 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 2003 the fee was set 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. In no case was the fee less than one dollar.

### FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 3 The 2004 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 .19 of one percent. The minimum regulatory fee is twenty-dollars (\$20.00). A fee of less than twenty-dollars (\$20.00) is waived.

### 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 .19 of one percent of any gross operating revenue in excess of fifty thousand dollars based on 2003 calendar year operations. The minimum regulatory fee is twenty-dollars (\$20.00). A fee of less than twenty-dollars (\$20.00) is waived.
- 5 The Commissioners, having determined the fee for 2004 directed the Secretary to issue this Order.

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DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2004.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Secretary