

**THUNDER RIDGE WATER CO., INC.**  
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October 27, 2017

**VIA E-FILING**

Mr. Steven V. King, Executive Director and Secretary  
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
1300 South Evergreen Park Drive SW  
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Re: Thunder Ridge Water Co., Inc. revised Tariff

Thunder Ridge Water Co, Inc. (TRWCI) provides water to the 168 residential lots in the Plats of Thunder Ridge Estates, Divisions 1 and 2 on Camano Island. Its public water system identification number is 882001. Currently it has 132 active connections. It has never before changed its tariff, and only recently instituted meter reading and per-gallon charges on usage over 10,000 gallons per month. For the approximately 20 years before 2017 it charged a flat \$30 per month for water.

TRWCI now wants to change its archaic system (basically a flat rate) to a modern system based primarily upon usage. Instituting such a system added significant costs for meter reading, more costly billing, meter repairs, etc. Also, TRWCI has long struggled to pay its operational costs and could not pay any return on investment, and often not even salary. It is estimated that if customers do not curtail their usage the raise in revenue would be around 75%. An average customer, using 5,349 gallons per month, will see a bill increase from \$30 to \$54 per month. Attached is a copy of the customer notice that was mailed to the customers on October 27, 2017

In conjunction with this new pricing structure, it is proposed that meters be read mid-month (generally on the 15<sup>th</sup>). This will ease the meter-reading chores of King Water which has many other customer's meters to read at the end of the month. Also, billings will be bi-monthly to save on administration costs and lessen the effect of excessive usage in one month. Because of this, we'd like the change to be effective December 15, 2017.

The company is submitting the work papers as required by WAC 480-07-530. The company has completed the UTC Rate Mode, copy attached. This includes the material required by WAC 480-02-530(4) (calculation of revenue impact, balance sheet, statement of revenues and expenses, depreciation schedule, restating and proforma adjustments and usage statistics).

TRWCI has no non-regulated operations. It also has no affiliates. I am the sole owner and so have authority to file these documents.

Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,



Robert R. Cole, President  
Thunder Ridge Water Co., Inc.