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COMMISSIO

March 13, 2023

VIA E-FILING

Ms. Amanda Maxwell, Executive Director and Secretary Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission 621 Woodland Square Loop SE Lacey, WA 98503

Re: Lewis and Clark Irrigation, LLC – Initial Tariff – Request for Exemption from WAC 480-110-375(1)(a)

Dear Ms. Maxwell:

Attached for filing is the initial tariff of Lewis and Clark Irrigation, LLC. Although this is an initial tariff and could be filed on one day notice (WAC 480-80-123(1) and (3)(a)) Commission Staff has requested and the Company agrees to have more notice than a one day filing. Therefore, the requested effective date is March 24, 2023.

Pursuant to the requirements of WAC 480-110-433(3)(c), customers were notified by mail on March 9, 2023. A copy of the customer notice is attached.

Pursuant to WAC 480-110-433(3)(d), attached are redacted samples of bills from 2022 that demonstrates that this tariff simply is incorporating the rates previously charged to customers.

Finally, this advice letter requests an exemption from WAC 480-110-375(1)(a) which requires at least quarterly billing. That requirement works well with the provision of domestic potable water service. However, for irrigation service the common practice in Eastern Washington is to bill on an annual basis. Customers then have the choice of paying for the bill all at once or in two installments. On that basis, Lewis and Clark Irrigation respectfully requests an exemption from the quarterly billing requirement.

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Thank you for your attention to these matters.

Sincerely,

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