

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

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND)	DOCKET UW-060761
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,)	
)	
Complainant,)	ORDER 03
)	
v.)	
)	ORDER APPROVING
WASHINGTON WATER SERVICE)	COMPLIANCE FILING
COMPANY,)	
)	
Respondent.)	
.....)	

BACKGROUND

- 1 On September 27, 2006, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) entered Order 02 in Docket UW-060761 accepting the parties' proposed Settlement Agreement, subject to condition. The condition in paragraph 6 of Order 02, requires that Washington Water Service Company (WWS or the Company) include in rates net pro forma adjustments totaling \$146,212 for new employees that have not been hired as of the service date of the order.

- 2 The condition requires the Company to maintain a regulatory liability account until such time as the new employees are hired. The Company will credit the regulatory liability account each month with an amount equal to wages allowed in rates for the positions not yet hired. Once all employees contemplated by the adjustment are hired, the Company will make a one-time pro rata refund within the following sixty days to its customers of the amounts accrued in the regulatory liability account. If any positions contemplated by the pro forma adjustment are not filled by April 2007, the Company will file to reduce rates by the amount of the related annual pro forma amounts allowed in rates.

- 3 The Company filed a letter on July 12, 2007, noting the conditions set forth in paragraph 6 of Order 02 are complete. The Company reports that it hired the last of its new employees on April 9, 2007. After an audit by Commission Staff, the Company concurs with Staff's assessment that a \$0.54 per customer refund is appropriate.
- 4 On August 1, 2007, WWS will issue a one-time bill credit in the amount of \$0.54 per customer with notice to customers in compliance with paragraph 6 of Order 02. WWS states that, once it issues the bill credit, it will have fulfilled all aspects of paragraph 6 of Order 02.
- 5 The Commission finds that WWS's proposed accounting and one-time bill credit is acceptable and in compliance with the requirements of paragraph 6 of Order 02.

ORDER

- 6 **THE COMMISSION ORDERS** That the accounting and one-time bill credit of \$0.54 per customer filed by Washington Water Service Company on July 12, 2007, complies with paragraph 6 of Order 02, the Commission's Order Accepting Settlement Agreement Subject to Conditions.
- 7 **THE COMMISSION FURTHER ORDERS** That the Commission retains jurisdiction to effectuate the provisions of this and prior orders entered in this proceeding.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective July 30, 2007.

WASHINGTON STATE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN
Executive Secretary