[Service Date December 8, 2006] BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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)	GRANTING JOINT REQUEST
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MEMORANDUM

- 1 NATURE OF PROCEEDING: This case involves a Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) complaint again Fragaria Landing Water Company (Fragaria) challenging the reasonableness of Fragria's rates and charges.
- PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND: The procedural schedule in this proceeding was established by Order 02 entered in this docket on June 1, 2006. The procedural schedule was revised by Order 03 entered on July 26, 2006, Order 04 entered on August 31, 2006, and Order 05 entered on October 13, 2006.
- 3 MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE: On December 7, 2006, the parties filed a request for continuance and suspension of the procedural schedule. The parties indicated that they have reached an agreement in principle but need to reduce the details of the settlement to writing. The parties stated that they should be able to file the Settlement Agreement, along with any supporting documentation, by January 16, 2007. Therefore, the parties requested that the Commission suspend the procedural schedule in this matter.
- 4 **COMMISSION DECISION:** The joint request for continuance should be granted. According to the motion, the parties have reached a substantive agreement, but have had insufficient time to memorialize the terms and conditions of that agreement in

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writing. Granting the continuance will not unduly delay this proceeding because the parties requested a reasonable amount of time to draft and execute a written agreement. The parties' request to suspend the procedural schedule is granted. At this juncture, requiring the parties to comply with other procedural deadlines would not serve any useful purpose.

⁵ The deadline for submission of a settlement agreement is January 16, 2007. If the parties do not file a settlement agreement together with a joint motion for approval of the agreement, a revised procedural schedule will be established to resolve any outstanding matters.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 6 (1) The joint request for continuance and suspension of the procedural schedule is granted.
- 7 (2) By January 16, 2007, the parties shall file a settlement agreement or report on the status of their settlement negotiations.

Dated at Olympia, Washington, and effective December 8, 2006.

WASHINGTON STATE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

PATRICIA CLARK Administrative Law Judge