

## STATE OF WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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RE: Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Neuwaukum Water System Dockets UW-144112 & UW-150045

## TO ALL PARTIES:

On December 19, 2014, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) issued a Penalty Assessment in Docket UW-144112 in the amount of \$1,000 against Newaukum Water System, Inc. (Newaukum or Company) alleging that the Company improperly charged customers a rate higher than the rate published in its tariff in violation of RCW 80.28.080

On January 13, 2015, the Commission issued a Penalty Assessment in Docket UW-150045 against Newaukum in the amount of \$2,200, alleging additional and continuing violations of RCW 80.28.080.

On February 18, 2015, the Commission approved a Settlement Agreement resolving all of the issues in these two dockets. As part of the Settlement Agreement, Newaukum admitted the violations and agreed to issue credits to affected customers. The parties also agreed that the Commission should assess a penalty of \$100 for each violation alleged in the Penalty Assessments, for a total penalty of \$3,200, and should suspend the entire amount of the penalty for a period of twelve months on the condition that Newaukum incurred no repeat violations of RCW 80.28.080 and credited its customers as required. The Settlement Agreement further provided that if Newaukum fail to issue any credits, the full penalty of \$3,200 would immediately become due and payable.

On March 6, 2017, Newaukum filed a Petition for De-regulation, which the Commission approved on March 29, 2017.

On November 17, 2017, Commission staff filed a letter informing the Commission that Newaukum had satisfied the requirements of the Settlement Agreement and requesting the Commission close dockets UW-144112 and UW-150045.

The Commission has reviewed the record in these dockets and agrees that Newaukum has fulfilled the terms of the Settlement Agreement. The Commission therefore waives the suspended penalty and closes these dockets.

STEVEN V. KING Executive Director and Secretary