BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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- NATURE OF PROCEEDING. This proceeding involves a revision to the currently effective tariff of Iliad Water Service, Inc., (Iliad Water.) Specifically, the proposed revision would modify currently effective Tariff WN U-1, designated as Original Sheet No. W-104. The proposed tariff revision would permit a one-time assessment of \$3,405, collectible from the customers of the Alder Lake Community Water System, to fund the installation of a water chlorination system. The proposed tariff permits the customer to pay the one-time assessment either in a single payment due within 30 days of the effective date of the tariff or through a monthly surcharge, including a finance fee, until the assessment is paid in full.¹
- 2 **CONFERENCE.** The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) convened a prehearing conference in this docket at Olympia, Washington on August 16, 2006, before Administrative Law Judge Patricia Clark.
- 3 **APPEARANCES.** Richard A. Finnigan, Olympia, Washington represents Respondent, Iliad Water Service, Inc.. Michael Fassio, Olympia, Washington, represents the Commission's regulatory staff (Commission Staff or Staff). Contact

¹ Substitute Tariff Sheet No. W-104, Schedule 104, filed August 15, 2006, by Richard A. Finnigan.

² In formal proceedings, such as this case, the Commission's regulatory staff functions as an independent party with the same rights, privileges, and responsibilities as any other party to the

information provided at the conference for the parties' representatives is attached as Appendix A to this order.

- 4 **PETITIONS FOR INTERVENTION.** In the Notice of Prehearing Conference, the Commission established September 6, 2006, as the deadline for filing petitions to intervene in this proceeding. Those petitions, if any, will be addressed by subsequent action.
- PROTECTIVE ORDER. The parties ask that the Commission enter a protective order in this docket under RCW 34.05.446, RCW 80.04.095, WAC 480-07-420 and WAC 80-07-423 to protect the confidentiality of proprietary information. The request was granted and a protective order will be entered in this docket.
- **DISCOVERY.** The parties asked that the discovery rules be invoked in this docket, under WAC 480-07-400. The matter is one that qualifies for discovery, and the discovery rules WAC 480-07-400 425 are invoked.
- PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE. The parties agreed upon a procedural schedule during the conference. The Commission adopts this procedural schedule, which is attached to this Order as Appendix B, and incorporated into the body of this Order by this reference.
- NOTICE OF HEARING. The Commission will hold an evidentiary hearing in this matter beginning November 8, 2006, at 9:30 a.m., and continuing thereafter, as necessary, on November 9, 2006, in Room 108 of the Commission's headquarters, Chandler Plaza Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S. W., Olympia, Washington.
- 9 **DOCUMENT PREPARATION AND FILING REQUIREMENTS.** Parties must file an original plus nine (9) copies of all pleadings, motions, briefs, and other prefiled materials. These materials must conform to the format and publication guidelines in WAC 480-07-395 and WAC 480-07-460. The Commission prefers that materials be

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three-hole punched with *oversized* holes to allow easy handling. The Commission may require a party to refile any document that fails to conform to these standards.

- All filings must be mailed or delivered to the Executive Secretary, Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, P.O. Box 47250, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive, S.W. Olympia, Washington 98504-7250. Both the post office box and street address are required to expedite deliveries by the U.S. Postal Service.
- An electronic copy of all filings must be provided through the Commission's Web Portal (www.wutc.wa.gov/e-filing) or by e-mail delivery to records@wutc.wa.gov>. Alternatively, parties may furnish an electronic copy by delivering with each filing a CD or a 3.5-inch IBM-formatted high-density diskette including the filed document(s). Parties should furnish electronic copies in .pdf (Adobe Acrobat) format, supplemented by a separate file in MS Word 6.0 (or later), or WordPerfect 5.1 (or later) format. Parties are required to follow WAC 480-07-140(5) in organizing and identifying electronic files.
- 12 **ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTS.** Pursuant to WAC 480-07-145(6) the presiding officer may grant parties a one-day extension of the paper-filing requirement, allowing electronic submission of documents with the Commission on the filing deadline. Parties may only submit documents electronically with the Commission in this proceeding with the permission of the presiding officer. If, at any time during this proceeding, parties are authorized to submit documents with the Commission electronically under WAC 480-07-145(6), parties must submit the document through the Commission's Web portal (www.wutc.wa.gov/e-filing) or by email to records@wutc.wa.gov, and file an original, plus nine (9) copies, of the document with the Commission by the following business day. Finally to perfect filing, parties must provide courtesy copies of filings to the presiding officer and advisory staff, as well as the parties to the proceeding.
- 13 **ALTERNATE DISPUTE RESOLUTION**. The Commission supports the informal settlement of matters before it. Parties are encouraged to consider means of resolving disputes informally. The Commission does have limited ability to provide dispute resolution services; if you wish to explore those services, please call the Director, Administrative Law Division, at 360-664-1142.

NOTICE TO PARTIES: Any objection to the provisions of this Order must be filed within ten (10) days after the service date of this Order, pursuant to WAC 480-07-430 and WAC 480-07-810. Absent such objection, this Order will control further proceedings in this matter, subject to Commission review. Parties must provide courtesy copies of filings to the presiding administrative law judge.

Dated at Olympia, Washington, and effective August 23, 2006.

WASHINGTON STATE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

PATRICIA CLARK Administrative Law Judge

APPENDIX A						
PARTIES' REPRESENTATIVES DOCKET UW-060343						
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APPENDIX B PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE DOCKET UW-060363

EVENT	DATE	INTERVAL
Notice of Prehearing Conference	August 16,2006	
Prehearing Conference	August 16, 2006	
Deadline for Filing Petitions to Intervene	September 6, 2006	
Prehearing Conference to Consider Petitions to Intervene	September 13, 2006 ³	
Prefiled Direct Testimony and Exhibits of Iliad Water Service, Inc.	September 20, 2006	35 days
Prefiled Responsive Testimony and Exhibits of Commission Staff	October 4, 2006	14 days
Prefiled Rebuttal Testimony and Exhibits of Commission Staff	November 2, 2006	14 days
Prehearing Conference to Mark Exhibits	November 3, 2006	9 days
Hearing ⁴	November 8 and 9, 2006	5 days
Posthearing Briefs	November 29, 2006	20 days
Suspension Period ends	February 1, 2007	63 days

³ The Notice of Prehearing Conference scheduled a second prehearing conference to convene on September 12, 2006. The Commission Staff filed a request to reschedule the prehearing conference due because of a scheduling conflict. Counsel for the company is available on September 13, 2006. Accordingly, the second prehearing conference is rescheduled to that date.

⁴ A public hearing to afford affected consumers the opportunity to present testimony regarding the company's proposed tariff revision will be scheduled after a hearing location has been confirmed.