

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

WASHINGTON WATER SERVICE
CO.,

Respondent.

DOCKET UW-210560

MOTION TO WITHDRAW
PETITION FOR ADJUDICATION
OF PUBLIC COUNSEL

I. MOTION TO WITHDRAW PETITION FOR ADJUDICATION

1. Pursuant to WAC 480-07-370 and 480-07-375(1), the Public Counsel Unit of the Washington Attorney General’s Office (“Public Counsel”) hereby respectfully submits this Motion (“Motion”) to the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (“Commission”) for permission to withdraw its September 3, 2021, Petition for Adjudication (“Petition”)¹ in Docket UW-210560, the General Rate Case (“GRC”)² of Washington Water Service Co. (“Washington Water” or “Company”), which the Company filed on July 15, 2021.
2. Public Counsel has consulted with the Company in Docket UW-210560 regarding this Motion. In exchange for Public Counsel’s request to withdraw the Petition in this Docket, the Company has agreed to extend the effective date of the tariff sheets for the GRC in Docket UW-210560 to February 1, 2022, consistent with a filing the Company is submitting concurrent with this Motion. The Company has also committed to engaging in informal discovery with Public

¹ See Petition for Adjudication of Public Counsel (Sept. 3, 2021).

² See Initial Filing, Letter from Washington Water at 2 (July 15, 2021).

Counsel so that Public Counsel may review the request in the Company's July 15, 2021, GRC filing and provide recommendations on the record.

3. Due to the Company's request to extend the effective date to February 1, 2022, the Open Meeting item for this Docket scheduled for October 14, 2021, should be extended to a date closer to the February 1, 2022, effective date. The extension of the Open Meeting item for Docket UW-210560 should provide sufficient time for Public Counsel to review the GRC and submit written recommendations and evidence to the Commission regarding the GRC in Docket UW-210560 to ensure customer interests are fairly considered. However, withdrawal of the Petition should not preclude Public Counsel's ability to file a new petition for adjudication in the future should the need to do so arise.

II. CONCLUSION

4. For the foregoing reasons, Public Counsel respectfully requests that the Commission grant this Motion to Withdraw its Petition for Adjudication in this matter pursuant to WAC 480-07-370 and 480-07-375(1).

Dated this 21st day of September, 2021.

ROBERT W. FERGUSON
Attorney General

/s/ *Ann Paisner*

ANN N.H. PAISNER, WSBA No. 50202
Assistant Attorney General
Public Counsel Unit
800 Fifth Avenue, Suite 2000
Seattle, WA 98104
(206) 573-1127
Ann.Paisner@ATG.WA.GOV