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**Docket:** UW-020846  
Company Name: Marvin Road Water Company

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**Recommendation:**

Issue a Complaint and Order Suspending the Tariff Revision filed by Marvin Road Water Company in Docket UW-020846.

**Discussion:**

On June 28, 2002, Marvin Road Water Company, (Marvin Road Water or Company) filed for a general rate increase of \$26,625 (38 percent) of annual revenue. Marvin Road Water received its last increase in June 2001 for general rates and October 2001, for a capital improvement surcharge. Marvin Road Water serves approximately 248 customers on three water systems (Hawk Acres 124, Ridgewood 73, Horsfall 51). All water systems are located in Thurston County.

The Company states that the increase is to help recover the expenses of wages, repairs, testing, office rent and office supplies, and Satellite Management services.

The Commission has received three customer letters opposed to the filing. Customers stated that the company has had several increases over the last year and believe the company should tighten the operations rather than continue to propose to increase rates.

The Commission received one informal complaint against Marvin Road Water. The customer complained of a high bill and low pressure. The complaint is still under investigation at this time.

The current and proposed rates are provided below:

<u>Monthly Base Rate</u> (zero allowance)	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Metered Rate Service	\$ 19.00	\$ 26.35
<u>Monthly Usage Rate</u>		
0 – 1,000 cu. ft. (per 100 cu. ft.)	\$ 1.10	\$ 1.40
> 1,000 cu. ft. (per 100 cu. ft.)	\$ 1.25	\$ 1.60
Water System Plan Surcharge	\$ 1.45	\$ 1.45

The Company has not yet demonstrated that the proposed rates are fair, just, reasonable, and sufficient. Therefore, Staff recommends that the Commission Issue a Complaint and Order Suspending the Tariff Revision filed by Marvin Road Water Company in Docket UW-020846.