

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Removal from
Commission Regulation of

NORTHWEST WATER SERVICES, LLC

Requesting Removal from Commission
Regulation

DOCKET UW-220643

ORDER 01

REMOVING COMPANY FROM
REGULATION AND CANCELING
TARIFF

BACKGROUND

- 1 On August 25, 2022, Northwest Water Services, LLC. (Northwest Water or Company) filed a petition for de-regulation (Petition). In August of 2022, Northwest Water transferred its regulated water system and customers to a currently regulated company and no longer provides water service to any customers. The Company previously served about 450 customers near Mt. Vernon in Skagit and Snohomish Counties.
- 2 On August 1, 2022, in Docket UW-220425, Northwest Water transferred its water system to Cascadia Water, LLC. Therefore, Northwest Water no longer has any water customers and has dissolved the water company known as Northwest Water Services, LLC. (Department of Health ID #s 592443, 64327Y, AC712E, 08915H, 50691R, and 17475C).
- 3 Commission staff (Staff) has reviewed the Company's filing and supports removing the Company from regulation. Accordingly, Staff recommends that the Commission grant Northwest Water's Petition.

DISCUSSION

- 4 RCW 80.04.010(30)(e) provides that a water company can only be removed from regulation with Commission approval. We agree with Staff's recommendation and find that removing Northwest Water from regulation is consistent with the public interest. Accordingly, we grant Northwest Water's Petition to be removed from regulation.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 5 (1) The Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate the rates, rules, regulations, practices, accounts,

securities, transfers of property and affiliated interests of public service companies, including water companies.

- 6 (2) Northwest Water is a water company and a public service company subject to Commission regulation.
- 7 (3) On August 25, 2022, Northwest Water filed with the Commission a Petition requesting to be removed from Commission Regulation.
- 8 (4) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on September 15, 2022.
- 9 (5) After reviewing the information gathered in the investigation, and giving due consideration, the Commission finds it in the public interest to grant Northwest Water's request for removal from regulation and to cancel the corresponding tariff.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 10 (1) Northwest Water Services, LLC is no longer subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- 11 (2) Northwest Water Services, LLC is removed from regulation by this Commission and its current tariff WN-U 2 is canceled as of the effective date of this Order.
- 12 The Commissioners, having determined this Order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Lacey, Washington, and effective September 15, 2022.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

AMANDA MAXWELL
Executive Director and Secretary