

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Removal from  
Commission Regulation of

AQUARIUS UTILITIES, LLC

Requesting Removal from Commission  
Regulation

DOCKET UW-220658

ORDER 01

REMOVING COMPANY FROM  
REGULATION AND CANCELING  
TARIFF

**BACKGROUND**

1 On August 31, 2022, Aquarius Utilities, LLC (Aquarius or Company) filed a petition for de-regulation (Petition). In August of 2022, Aquarius 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 962 customers in Clallam, Kitsap, and Mason Counties.

2 On August 1, 2022, in Docket UW-220469, Aquarius transferred its water system to Cascadia Water, LLC. Therefore, Aquarius no longer has any water customers and has dissolved the water company known as Aquarius Utilities, LLC (Department of Health ID #s 192104, 36150W, 00515F, and 49100U).

3 Commission staff (Staff) has reviewed the Company's filing and supports removing the Company from regulation. Accordingly, Staff recommends that the Commission grant Aquarius'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 Aquarius from regulation is consistent with the public interest. Accordingly, we grant Aquarius'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) Aquarius is a water company and a public service company subject to Commission regulation.
- 7 (3) On August 25, 2022, Aquarius 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 Aquarius' request for removal from regulation and to cancel the corresponding tariff.

### ORDER

#### THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 10 (1) Aquarius Utilities, LLC, is no longer subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- 11 (2) Aquarius Utilities, LLC, is removed from regulation by this Commission and its current tariff WN-U 1 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