Service Date: April 27, 2023

# BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition of

**DOCKET TG-230237** 

KETRON ISLAND WATER, INC.

ORDER 01

Seeking Exemption from the provisions of WAC 480-110-505 Relating to Filing of Annual Reports by Investor-Owned Water Companies

GRANTING EXEMPTION FROM RULE; GRANTING COMPANY ADDITIONAL TIME TO FILE ANNUAL REPORT

#### **BACKGROUND**

- On April 13, 2023, Ketron Island Water, Inc., (Ketron Island or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a petition requesting an extension of time to file its 2022 annual report as required by WAC 480-110-505 (Petition). According to Ketron Island, it is unable to prepare the report because the Company's USPS mailbox was compromised, and it filed an extension for federal taxes. The Company seeks an extension to file its annual report until June 1, 2023.
- 2 Commission staff (Staff) reviewed the request and finds it reasonable, and recommends granting Ketron Island's request for exemption, but notes that the Company's regulatory fee is still due in full by May 1, 2023.

#### DISCUSSION

The Commission may grant an extension for filing annual reports under WAC 480-110-505 if the extension request is filed before the May 1 due date. However, WAC 480-110-505(5)(d) states the Commission does not grant extensions for payment of regulatory fees. We agree with Staff and grant the extension to file the annual report no later than June 1, 2023, but note that regulatory fees are still due by May 1, 2023, if the Company wishes to avoid accruing interest and incurring penalties.

## FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate the rates, rules, regulations, practices, accounts, and affiliated interests of public service companies, including investor-owned water companies.

- 5 (2) Ketron Island is an investor-owned water company and a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- 6 (3) Ketron Island is subject to WAC 480-110-505, which requires water companies to file an annual report by May 1 of each year.
- 7 (4) Under WAC 480-110-505(4), the Commission may grant an extension of time allowing the Company to file its annual report after the May 1 due date if the Commission receives a request for extension before May 1.
- 8 (5) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on April 27, 2023.
- After reviewing the Petition filed in Docket UW-230237 by Ketron Island on April 13, 2023, and giving due consideration, the Commission finds that extending the deadline by which Ketron Island must file an annual report is in the public interest, is consistent with the purposes underlying the regulation and applicable statutes, and that it should be granted.

### **ORDER**

# THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- (1) Ketron Island Water, Inc.'s request for an extension until June 1, 2023, to file its 2022 annual report is granted.
- Failure by Ketron Island Water, Inc., to file its 2022 annual report by June 1, 2023, will result in financial penalties.
- 12 (3) The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and Ketron Island Water, Inc., to effectuate the provisions of this Order.

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 April 27, 2023.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

AMANDA MAXWELL Executive Director and Secretary