

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

MURREY'S DISPOSAL COMPANY,

Respondent.

DOCKET TG-230778

NOTICE OF BRIEF ADJUDICATIVE
PROCEEDING

SETTING TIME FOR ORAL
STATEMENTS

(Set for July 18, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.)

INTRODUCTION

- 1 On December 21, 2023, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) suspended this matter which concerns Murrey's Disposal Company's (Murrey's or Company) most recent rate case pending an investigation into whether the filed rates were fair, just, reasonable, and sufficient.
- 2 On February 5, 2024, following a pre-hearing conference, the Commission issued Order 02 setting a procedural schedule for this proceeding.¹
- 3 On May 8, 2024, the Company filed a Petition for Interim Rate Relief (Petition) pursuant to Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 480-15-520(6). In its Petition, the Company requested that the Commission resolve the petition on an expedited basis. The Company made arguments that the present matter meets the six criteria for interim relief (PNB factors) articulated in *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Pacific Northwest Bell*, Docket No. U-72-30.
- 4 On May 29, 2024, Commission staff (Staff) filed a response to the Company's Petition. Staff argued that the Company's petition did not present sufficient evidence for five of the six relevant PNB factors. As a result, Staff recommended that the Petition be denied.
- 5 Pursuant to Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 34.05.482, WAC 480-520(6), and WAC 480-07-610, the Commission determines that a brief adjudicative proceeding is appropriate for resolving the issues presented by the Petition. Given that the issue has been briefed, and the Company has claimed that either a gross hardship or a gross

¹ Order 02, Appendix B (February 5, 2024).

inequity will result if the requested relief is not granted, the Commission will consider this matter on an expedited schedule.

6 **THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That it will hold a virtual brief adjudicative proceeding in this matter at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 18, 2024. To participate by phone, call (253) 215-8782 and enter the Meeting ID: 846 3203 3986# and Passcode: 185148#. To participate via Zoom, [click here to join meeting](#).**²

7 **PURPOSE:** The purpose of the brief adjudicative proceeding is to consider the extraordinary relief requested by the Company pursuant to WAC 480-07-520(6) and clarify the factual basis for it.

8 The record in this proceeding will consist of any documents regarding the matter that are considered by or prepared for the presiding officer for the brief adjudicative proceeding and a transcript of any oral statements given at the hearing. The statements will be given under oath.

9 Parties wishing to submit any other documents for consideration at the brief adjudicative proceeding must file with the Commission all proposed exhibits, as well as a list enumerating and describing them, no later than **Thursday, July 11, 2024, at 5 p.m.** Filing shall be in accordance with WAC 480-07-140.

10 Witness lists shall also be due at the same time as the exhibits and exhibit lists. Parties should not file witness lists but must provide them by email to the presiding administrative law judge and the other parties by **Thursday, July 11, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.**

11 **THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE that any party who fails to attend or participate in the brief adjudicative proceeding set by this Notice, or any other stage of this proceeding, may be held in default under RCW 34.05.440 and WAC 480-07-450.**

12 The names and mailing addresses of all parties and their known representatives are shown as follows:

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² <https://utc-wa.gov.zoom.us/j/84632033986?pwd=AGDE4WWGEW47ua3EMFRseDpIUk2a5z.1>

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13 Administrative Law Judge Bijan Hughes from the Commission's Administrative Law Division is designated to preside at the hearing of these matters.³

³ Judge Hughes can be reached by email at bijan.hughes@utc.wa.gov or by phone at (360) 664-1254.

DATED at Lacey, Washington, and effective June 13, 2024.

/s/ Michael Howard

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NOTICE

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If you need an interpreter, or have other special needs, please provide the information requested below via email to Stacey Brewster, paralegal, at stacey.brewster@utc.wa.gov.

(PLEASE SUPPLY ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION)

Docket: _____

Case Name: _____

Hearing Date: _____ Hearing Location: _____

Primary Language: _____

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Visual _____ Tactile _____

Other type of assistance needed: _____