

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Application of)	DOCKET UW-143617
)	(Consolidated)
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T & T PROFESSIONAL SERVICE aka)	ORDER 02
WATER AND WASTEWATER)	
MANAGEMENT SERVICES, LLC,)	
ROBERT THURSTON, and CHERI)	
THURSTON)	
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For an Order Approving the Transfer of)	
Piper Water System, Pinewood Water)	
System, and Lightmoor Court Water System)	
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WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND)	
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,)	Docket UW-150791
)	(Consolidated)
Complainant,)	
)	ORDER 02
v.)	
)	ORDER GRANTING PETITION TO
T & T PROFESSIONAL SERVICE aka)	INTERVENE
WATER AND WASTEWATER)	
MANAGEMENT SERVICES, LLC,)	
ROBERT THURSTON, and CHERI)	
THURSTON)	
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Respondent.)	
.....)	

BACKGROUND

1 On July 25, 2014, T & T Professional Services aka Water and Wastewater Management Services, LLC (T & T Professional Services or Company), filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) an application to transfer ownership and cease operations of its three water systems – Piper Water System,

Pinewood Water System, and Lightmoor Court Water System – with a proposed effective date of June 17, 2015.

2 On June 11, 2015, this matter was heard at the Commission’s regularly scheduled open meeting and referred for adjudication. That same day, the Commission issued a Notice of Prehearing Conference on shortened notice, set for June 15, 2015, at 10:30 a.m.

3 The Commission convened a prehearing conference on June 15, 2015, during which it granted Robin Moeur’s petition to intervene on behalf of the Piper Water System and adopted a procedural schedule that includes an evidentiary hearing set for August 5, 2015.

4 On June 17, 2015, Jason Younker filed a Petition to Intervene on behalf of the Lightmoor Court Water System. In his Petition, Mr. Younker explained that because the prehearing conference was scheduled on shortened notice, customers of the Lightmoor Court Water System were unable to intervene in advance of, or during, the prehearing conference.

5 On June 18, 2015, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity to Respond to Petition to Intervene by June 22, 2015. On June 19, 2015, Commission staff (Staff) responded and recommended the Commission grant the Petition. On June 22, 2015, Ms. Moeur responded and also recommended the Commission grant the Petition. T & T Professional Services did not respond.

DISCUSSION AND DECISION

6 The Commission’s Notice of Prehearing Conference advised all parties that oral petitions to intervene would be accepted at the prehearing conference in lieu of advance-filed petitions because the matter was scheduled on shortened notice. Although Mr. Younker and other Lightmoor Court Water System customers attended the prehearing conference via the Commission’s conference bridge, none of those customers requested to intervene at that time.

7 WAC 480-07-355(1)(b) provides that the Commission will grant a late-filed petition to intervene only on a showing of good cause, including a satisfactory explanation of why the person did not timely file a petition. We accept Mr. Younker’s explanation that he had very little time to prepare a motion to intervene in advance of, or during, the prehearing conference. Moreover, Mr. Younker has demonstrated through his Petition that he has a compelling interest in this case, both as a customer and as a representative for the

customers of Lightmoor Court Water System. Finally, no other party objects to the Petition, and both Staff and Ms. Moeur support it. Accordingly, we find good cause to grant Mr. Younker's Petition to Intervene on behalf of the Lightmoor Court Water System.

ORDER

8 **THE COMMISSION ORDERS That Jason Younker's Petition to Intervene on behalf of Lightmoor Court Water System is GRANTED.**

Dated at Olympia, Washington, and effective June 25, 2015.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

RAYNE PEARSON
Administrative Law Judge