

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

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| In the Matter of the Application of |) | DOCKET NO. UW-051773 |
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| Trident Utilities, LLC, |) | ORDER NO. 01 |
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| |) | ORDER REMOVING COMPANY |
| Requesting Removal from |) | FROM REGULATION AND |
| Commission Regulation |) | CANCELING TARIFF |
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BACKGROUND

- 1 On June 20, 2005, H & R Waterworks, Inc., purchased the assets and took over operation and ownership of Trident Utilities, LLC. H & R Waterworks, Inc.'s office is located in Tumwater and serves approximately 2,888 customers on 115 water systems in Thurston, Mason, Lewis, Kitsap, and Pierce counties.

- 2 On November 18, 2005, the company filed an application to be removed from regulation and to cancel its current tariff. After Commission investigation, Trident Utilities, LLC, is determined to no longer provide regulated water service. The Commission can remove a water company from regulation under the provisions of RCW 80.04.010. A water company cannot be removed from regulation except with the approval of the Commission. Removing Trident Utilities, LLC, from regulation will be consistent with the public interest, because the water systems are now operated and owned by H & R Waterworks, Inc., which is also regulated by the Commission.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 3 (1) The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate rates, rules, regulations, practices, accounts, securities, and transfers of

public service companies, including water companies. *RCW 80.01.040; Chapter 80.04 RCW and Chapter 80.28 RCW.*

- 4 (2) Trident Utilities, LLC, is an investor-owned water company and is a public service company subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.
- 5 (3) H & R Waterworks, Inc., is an investor-owned water company and is a public service company subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.
- 6 (4) This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on December 14, 2005.
- 7 (5) From all indications, it appears to be in the public interest to grant the request of removal from regulation and canceling the corresponding tariff.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 8 (1) Trident Utilities, LLC, is hereby determined not to be jurisdictional pursuant to the Commission Staff investigation and documents filed with the Commission.
- 9 (2) Trident Utilities, LLC, is removed from regulation by this Commission and its current Tariff WN U-1 is cancelled as of the effective date of this Order.

The Commissioners, having determined this Order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to enter this Order.

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DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 14th day of December, 2005.

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CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Secretary