BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition of)	DOCKET UW-070812
PATTISON WATER COMPANY,)	ORDER 01
Petitioner,)	ORDER GRANTING
Seeking Exemption from the Provisions of WAC 480-110-505)	EXEMPTION FROM RULE; GRANTING COMPANY
Requiring Water Companies to File the 2006 Annual Report by May 1, 2006))	ADDITIONAL TIME TO FILE ANNUAL REPORT ORDER
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BACKGROUND

- On April 30, 2007, Pattison Water Company (Pattison Water or Company) filed a petition requesting exemption from WAC 480-110-505 requiring water companies to file the 2006 Annual Report by May 1, 2006.
- WAC 480-110-505 requires water companies to file an annual report no later than May 1 of each year.
- Pattison Water stated that due to scheduling conflicts, its accounting firm has been unable to complete the 2006 financial statements necessary to complete the annual report. The Company anticipates that it can file the annual report by May 15.
- 4 Commission Staff reviewed the request and recommended granting Pattison Water's request for exemption, subject to the condition that the Company file its completed annual report no later than May 15, 2007.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

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, *RCW* 80.04, *RCW* 80.28, *RCW* 80.08 and *RCW* 80.12.

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- 6 (2) Pattison Water is engaged in the business of providing water services within the state of Washington and is a public service company subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission under the provisions of RCW 80.28.
- 7 (3) Pattison Water is subject to the provisions of WAC 480-110-505, requiring water companies file an annual report no later than May 1 of each year.
- 8 (4) WAC 480-110-215 provides that the Commission may grant an exemption from the provisions of any rule in WAC 480-110, if consistent with the public interest, the purposes underlying regulation and applicable statutes.
- 9 (5) This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on May 9, 2007.
- 10 (6) After review of the petition filed in Docket UW-070812 by Pattison Water on April 30, 2007, and giving due consideration, the Commission finds that the exemption is reasonable and should be granted.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 11 (1) The exemption sought by Pattison Water Company for an extension until May 15, 2006, to file its 2006 annual report is granted.
- 12 (2) Failure by Pattison Water Company to file its 2006 annual report by May 15, 2007, may result in the Commission invoking provisions of RCW 80.04 that provide for penalty assessments.
- 13 (3) The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and Pattison Water Company 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 Olympia, Washington, and effective May 9, 2007.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Executive Secretary