

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Petition of	)	DOCKET UW-120573
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SOUTHGATE WATER SYSTEMS, INC.,	)	ORDER 01
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Petitioner,	)	
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	)	ORDER GRANTING
Seeking Exemption from the	)	EXEMPTION FROM RULE;
Provisions of WAC 480-110-505	)	GRANTING COMPANY
Requiring Water Companies to File the	)	ADDITIONAL TIME TO FILE
2011 Annual Report by May 1, 2012	)	ANNUAL REPORT
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**BACKGROUND**

- 1     On April 26, 2012, Southgate Water Systems, Inc. (Southgate or Company), filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a petition requesting an extension of time to file its 2011 annual report pursuant to WAC 480-110-505. According to Southgate, it is unable to prepare the report because the Company’s general manager is out of the country and is unable to sign the report. Southgate requests an extension of time until June 1, 2012.
- 2     Commission Staff reviewed the request and recommended granting Southgate’s request for exemption, subject to the condition that the Company files its completed report by June 1, 2012.

**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 the rates, rules, regulations, practices, accounts, securities, transfers of property and affiliated interests of public service companies, including water companies. RCW 80.01.040, RCW 80.04, RCW 80.08, RCW 80.12, RCW 80.16 and RCW 80.28.
- 4     (2)    Southgate is a water company and a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.

- 5 (3) Southgate is subject to WAC 480-110-505, which requires water companies to file an annual report by May 1 of each year.
- 6 (4) Under WAC 480-110-215, 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. See also WAC 480-07-110. In addition, 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.
- 7 (5) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on May 10, 2012.
- 8 (6) After review of the petition filed in Docket UW-120573 by Southgate on April 26, 2012, and giving due consideration, the Commission finds that the exemption is in the public interest and is consistent with the purposes underlying the regulation and applicable statutes and should be granted.

**ORDER**

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS:**

- 9 (1) The request by Southgate Water Systems, Inc., for an exemption from WAC 480-110-505 and for an extension until June 1, 2012, to file its 2011 annual report is granted.
- 10 (2) Failure by Southgate Water Systems, Inc., to file its 2011 annual report by June 1, 2012, may result in the Commission invoking RCW 80.04.405, which allows the Commission to assess penalties for violations of statute, rule and Commission orders.
- 11 (3) The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and Southgate Water Systems, 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 Olympia, Washington, and effective May 10, 2012.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DAVID W. DANNER, Executive Director and Secretary