

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Removal from)	DOCKET UW-144000
Commission Regulation of)	
)	ORDER 01
COUNTRY MEADOWS EAST #2)	
WATER COMPANY, LLC,)	
)	ORDER REMOVING COMPANY
)	FROM REGULATION; AND
Requesting Removal from)	CANCELING TARIFF AFTER
Commission Regulation)	TRANSFER TO WATER DISTRICT
.....)	

BACKGROUND

- 1 On December 1, 2014, Public Utility District No. 1 of Thurston County purchased the assets and took over operation and ownership of the Country Meadows East #2 Water Company, LLC (Country Meadows East #2). On November 26, 2014, Country Meadows East #2 filed notice of the transfer of ownership of the water system assets owned by Country Meadows East #2 to Public Utility District No. 1 of Thurston County. Country Meadows East #2 seeks to remove itself from regulation and to cancel its tariff. Country Meadows East #2 provides water service to 16 residential customers on a water system in Pierce County.

- 2 As a result of a Staff investigation, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) finds that Country Meadows East #2 no longer provides regulated water service. The Commission may remove a water company from regulation under RCW 80.04.010. A water company cannot be removed from regulation without the Commission’s approval. Removing Country Meadows East #2, from regulation will be consistent with the public interest, because the water system is now owned and operated by Public Utility District No. 1 of Thurston County, which is not subject to Commission jurisdiction.

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) Country Meadows East #2 is an investor-owned water company and a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- 5 (3) The transfer of assets of Country Meadows East #2 to Public Utility District No. 1 of Thurston County is exempt from Commission regulation under RCW 80.12.020 and RCW 36.96.010 and is not subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- 6 (4) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on December 11, 2014.
- 7 (5) After reviewing the information gathered in the investigation, and giving due consideration, the Commission finds it in the public interest to grant Country Meadows East #2's request for removal from regulation and to cancel the corresponding tariff.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 8 (1) Country Meadows East #2 Water Company, LLC is no longer subject to Commission jurisdiction under RCW 80.04.110.
- 9 (2) Country Meadows East #2 Water Company, LLC is removed from regulation by this Commission and its current tariff WN U-2 is canceled 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.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective December 11, 2014.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

STEVEN V. KING, Executive Director and Secretary