

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Removal from
Commission Regulation of

BETTY LU MILLER DBA
NORTHWEST WATER SYSTEM,

Requesting Removal from Commission
Regulation

DOCKET UW-170363

ORDER 01

ORDER REMOVING COMPANY
FROM REGULATION; CANCELING
TARIFF AFTER TRANSFER TO
ILIAD WATER COMPANY, LLC

BACKGROUND

- 1 On May 11, 2017, Betty Lu Miller d/b/a Northwest Water System (Northwest Water or Company) filed a request for removal from regulation by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) and to cancel its tariff. In 2016, Iliad Water Company, LLC (Iliad) located in Seattle, King County, purchased the assets and took over operation and ownership of Northwest Water. The Company provides water service to approximately 40 residential customers near Marysville in Snohomish County.
- 2 On October 21, 2016, Iliad filed tariff revisions in Docket UW-161155 for a general rate increase and to include Northwest Water in its current tariff. Since Northwest Water is now included in Iliad's tariff, the Company seeks to remove itself from regulation and to cancel its tariff.
- 3 As a result of a Staff investigation, the Commission finds that Northwest Water 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 Northwest Water from regulation is consistent with the public interest because the water system is now owned and operated by Iliad.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 4 (1) The 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.

- 5 (2) Northwest Water is an investor-owned water company and a public service
company subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- 6 (3) Iliad is an investor-owned water company and a public service company subject
to Commission jurisdiction.
- 7 (4) On March 29, 2017, the Commission approved the transfer of Northwest Water's
assets to Iliad in UW-161155.
- 8 (5) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on
May 31, 2017.
- 9 (6) After reviewing the information gathered in the investigation, and giving due
consideration, the Commission finds it in the public interest to grant Northwest
Water's request for removal from regulation and to cancel the corresponding
tariff.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 10 (1) Betty Lu Miller d/b/a Northwest Water System is no longer subject to
Commission jurisdiction under RCW 80.04.110.
- 11 (2) Betty Lu Miller d/b/a Northwest Water System, is removed from regulation by the
Commission and its current Tariff WN-U 1 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 May 31, 2017.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

STEVEN V. KING, Executive Director and Secretary