



WASHINGTON WATER SUPPLY, INC.

“Water Supply and Distribution”

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Cover Letter

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Washington State Utilities and Transportation Commission,

During the summer of 2022 the Echo Glen Water System (ID# 27510D) experienced water shortages due to reduced capacity of the ground water well. This reduced capacity was expressed at a community meeting in the fall of 2023 in Maple Valley. Meeting attendees were informed the option(s) to drill a new well or rehabilitate the existing well. The option of rehabilitating the well was chosen because of existing well infrastructure, natural geology, and costs. Several well drilling companies were contacted and Valley Pump, Auburn was chosen because of proximity to the water system and willingness to complete the task.

Early in 2023, a contract was signed with Valley Pump for the Echo Glen well rehabilitation. It was agreed the well rehabilitation would be completed by May 31, 2023. The week of scheduled start of work, Valley Pump contacted Washington Water Supply and stated their lead well driller had been injured and they were uncertain as to his return. Other well drillers were contacted, and their existing commitments would not allow them to begin the job until October/November 2023.

In the summer of 2023, customer water demand required potable water be trucked into the system to maintain water system pressure and water quality. August, 2023 Washington Water Supply(WWS) filed for a Surcharge to begin recovering the costs of trucked water. Since the duration of the trucked water was unknown at the time, a \$60/month Surcharge rate was set from August 15, 2023 to November 15, 2023. It was agreed that Washington Water Supply would come back to the UTC with an extended surcharge once the final trucking effort was determined. The final cost of trucked water after the August 15, 2023 surcharge amount is \$13,709.90.

Therefore, Washington Water Supply, Inc. is seeking UTC approval for a \$60/month/customer Surcharge to recover the \$13,709.90 from January 1, 2024 to August 1, 2024 or until the trucking costs have been recovered

- 1. This packet of includes cover letter**
- 2. Tariff sheet**
- 3. Customer notice**
- 4. Work papers**

Respectfully,

John Poppe

Washington Water Supply, Inc.