

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

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| In the Matter of the Penalty Assessment | ) | DOCKET UW-060985         |
| Against                                 | ) |                          |
|   | ) | ORDER 02                 |
| CANYON VILLAGE WATER                    | ) |                          |
| SYSTEM, INC.,                           | ) |                          |
|   | ) | ORDER DENYING MITIGATION |
| in the Amount of \$100                  | ) |                          |
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- 1 **Penalty:** On June 30, 2006, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) assessed a penalty in the amount of \$100 against Canyon Village Water System, Inc. (Canyon Village) for one violation of WAC 480-110-505, which requires water companies to file annual reports to the Commission no later than May 1 of each year.
  
- 2 **Petition for Mitigation:** On July 14, 2006, Canyon Village filed a petition for mitigation and waived a hearing. Canyon Village asserted that its bookkeeper is new and was unaware of the compliance and obligations required by the Commission. Canyon Village submitted its 2005 annual report on July 14, 2006
  
- 3 **Answer:** On August 2, 2006, Commission Staff responded to the petition for mitigation. Staff stated that a new employee’s lack of knowledge does not excuse a regulated water company from timely filing its annual report. Staff Opposes mitigation because Canyon Village has not filed its annual report by the May 1 deadline for the last six reporting years.
  
- 4 **Commission Decision:** The Commission denies mitigation. Canyon Village’s untimely filing of its 2005 annual report is not an isolated incident. Canyon Village has not submitted its annual report in a timely manner for the past six years. This record is an indicative of a chronic problem that Canyon Village needs to remedy prior to the next filing deadline.

5 It is so ordered.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective October 6, 2006.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN  
Executive Secretary