

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

In the Matter of the Petition of	)	DOCKET UW-081226
	)	
SUNCADIA WATER COMPANY,	)	ORDER 03
LLC,	)	
	)	
Petitioner,	)	
	)	ORDER GRANTING PETITION FOR
For An Order Granting An Extension Of	)	EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE
Time To File Rate Case	)	RATE CASE
.....	)	

**BACKGROUND**

- 1 Suncadia Water Company, LLC (Suncadia Water or Company) asks the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) for an extension of time until July 1, 2010, to file a general rate case required by Order 02, issued in Docket UW-081226 on November 26, 2009.
  
- 2 On November 26, 2009, the Commission issued Order 02 in Docket UW-081226 dismissing the complaint and order suspending tariff revisions, allowing revised tariff rates, requiring deferred accounting treatment for the variable portion of the purchased water component of the usage charges and “true-up” the difference between projected and actual water usage after twelve months, and requiring Suncadia Water to file a general rate case no later than May 1, 2010.
  
- 3 On December 14, 2009, Suncadia Water reported that the actual consumption of water for the 12-month review period was 1,722,524 gallons (-2.2 percent) less than the predicted system-wide water consumption, resulting in a true-up adjustment amount of \$0.10 per 1,000 gallons, or a total of \$7,186 on an annual basis. Instead of adjusting monthly billing statements for each water customer for the amount due (as noted in Order 02), Suncadia Water proposed to consider the treatment of the deferred accounting as part of the general rate case it was required to file by May 1, 2010.
  
- 4 On April 30, 2010, Suncadia Water filed with the Commission a petition seeking an extension of time until June 1, 2010, to file the required general rate case because key members of its accounting Staff had other complex projects delayed or prolonged, which affected its ability to complete the general rate case. Prior to Commission action on the petition, the Company requested an additional extension.

5 On May 28, 2010, Suncadia Water filed with the Commission a petition seeking an additional extension of time until July 1, 2010, to file the required general rate case because key members of its accounting staff have not completed the complex task of preparing the general rate filing.

6 Commission Staff reviewed the requests and recommended granting Suncadia Water's requests for an extension of time until July 1, 2010, to file the required general rate case.

### **FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS**

7 (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.*

8 (2) Suncadia Water is a water company and a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.

9 (3) Suncadia Water was ordered by the Commission in 02 in Docket UW-081226 to file a general rate case by May 1, 2010. The Company petitioned to extend the due date because its staff was unavailable to complete timely the general rate case filing.

10 (4) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on June 24, 2010.

11 (5) After reviewing Suncadia Water's petitions filed in Docket UW-081226 on April 30, 2010, and May 28, 2010, and giving due consideration to all relevant matters and for good cause shown, the Commission finds that an extension of time should be granted subject to the condition that the Company file its general rate case by July 1, 2010. This extension of time will allow the company to prepare and file a complete general rate case.

**ORDER**

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS:**

- 12 (1) Suncadia Water Company, LLC's petition seeking an extension of time until July 1, 2010, to file its general rate case is granted.
- 13 (2) This authorization is conditioned on Suncadia Water Company, LLC filing the general rate case by July 1, 2010.
- 14 (3) This Order shall not affect the Commission's authority over rates, services, accounts, valuations, estimates, or determination of costs, on any matters that may come before it. Nor shall this Order granting Petition be construed as an agreement to any estimate or determination of costs, or any valuation of property claimed or asserted.
- 15 (4) The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and Suncadia Water Company, LLC 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 June 24, 2010.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DAVID W. DANNER, Executive Director and Secretary