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Jeff Killip  
Executive Director and Secretary  
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
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***RE: WUTC v. Washington Water Supply, Inc.; Docket UW-240079 & UW-230598***

Dear Mr. Killip:

Washington Water Supply, Inc. (WWS) is filing a general rate case to request a surcharge of \$3.18 per month per customer for fifteen years to recover costs incurred for rehabilitating the Echo Glen Water System (EGWS) (ID# 27510D). During the summer of 2022, the EGWS experienced water shortages due to the reduced capacity of the ground water well. WWS communicated this reduced capacity at a community meeting in fall 2022. Meeting attendees were informed that there were two options: (1) drill a new well, or (2) rehabilitate the existing well. Meeting attendees chose to rehabilitate the existing well because of existing well infrastructure, natural geology, and costs. WWS contacted several well-drilling companies and ultimately chose Valley Pump in Auburn, Washington because of the company's proximity to the EGWS and willingness to complete the task.

In early 2023, WWS and Valley Pump signed a contract for the rehabilitation of the EGWS. WWS paid the \$6,000 deposit, and the parties agreed that the well rehabilitation would be completed by May 31, 2023. The week that work was scheduled to start, Valley Pump informed WWS that their lead well driller had been injured and they were uncertain when he would return to work. WWS contacted other well drillers, but their existing commitments prevented them from beginning the job until October or November 2023.

In September 2023, Valley Pump started and completed the rehabilitation of the EGWS. WWS paid the total cost of \$24,000 to rehabilitate the EGWS. Therefore, WWS is seeking UTC approval for a \$3.18 monthly surcharge to recover the \$24,000 for the September 2023 EGWS well rehabilitation. Current monthly rates are \$43.25 per month and would increase to \$46.43 per

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month with the surcharge. This surcharge would affect all customers equally, and WWS's total regulated revenue will not be impacted because this is a reimbursement for costs already incurred.

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced docket is the tariff, customer notice, and work papers for the general rate case. Included with the work papers is the GRC Workbook, which was completed to the best of our ability. Importantly, WWS does not possess all of the information required by the GRC Workbook.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "KB-11", is written over the typed name.

Kenneth W. Bagwell

AG:KB  
cc: Client, Scott Ellerby  
Encl.