

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

SUMMIT VIEW WATER WORKS

Respondent.

DOCKET UW-240589

NOTICE OF PREHEARING
CONFERENCE

**(Set for October 18, 2024, at
9:30 a.m.)**

- 1 On July 31, 2024, Summit View Water Works (Summit View or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) tariff revisions that would generate approximately \$514,000 (54 percent) additional annual revenue. Summit View Water Works provides regulated water service to approximately 630 domestic and 680 irrigation customers in Benton County. The Company’s last general rate increase became effective on November 1, 2018.
- 2 Summit View is seeking this increase due to increased capital investments, wage expenses, repair costs, and allocated expenses since its last general rate increase.
- 3 On September 26, 2024, this matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled open meeting
- 4 On September 30, 2024, the Commission issued Order 01 Complaint and Order Suspending Tariff Revisions (Order 01) in docket UW-240589. Order 01 set the matter for adjudication.
- 5 **STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 80.01.040, chapter 80.04 RCW including RCW 80.04.110 and RCW 80.04.380, chapter 80.28 RCW, and chapter 480-110 of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC).
- 6 The Commission will hear this matter under the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), particularly Part IV of Chapter 34.05 RCW relating to adjudications. The provisions of

the APA that relate to this proceeding include, but are not limited to RCW 34.05.413, RCW 34.05.422, RCW 34.05.431, RCW 34.05.440, RCW 34.05.449, and RCW 34.05.452. The Commission will also follow its procedural rules in WAC 480-07 in this proceeding.

7 **THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That it will hold a virtual prehearing conference in this matter at 9:30 a.m., on October 18, 2024. To attend via Zoom, please [click here to join meeting](#).¹ To attend by phone, please call (253) 215-8782 and enter the Meeting ID: 822 9316 7414# and Passcode: 990707#.**

8 The purpose of the prehearing conference is to consider requests for intervention, resolve scheduling matters including establishing dates for distributing evidence, to identify the issues in the proceeding, and determine other matters to assist the Commission in resolving the matter, as listed in WAC 480-07-430.

9 **INTERVENTION:** Persons who wish to intervene should file a petition to intervene in writing at least three business days before the date of the prehearing conference. *See* WAC 480-07-355(a). The Commission will consider oral petitions to intervene during the conference, but strongly prefers written petitions to intervene. Party representatives must file a notice of appearance with the Commission no later than the business day before the conference. *See* WAC 480-07-345(2). Any party or witness in need of an interpreter or other assistance should fill out the form attached to this Notice and return it to the Commission. The Commission will set the time and place for any evidentiary hearings at the prehearing conference, on the record of a later conference or hearing session, or by later written notice.

10 **THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That any party who fails to attend or participate in the prehearing conference set by this Notice, or any other stage of this proceeding, may be held in default under RCW 34.05.440 and WAC 480--07--450.**

11 The names and mailing addresses of all known parties and their known representatives are as follows:

¹ <https://utc-wa-gov.zoom.us/j/82293167414?pwd=TpZhOoRIGNn0hqgvEJcn1S24X2OWU7.1>.

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- 12 Administrative Law Judge Connor Thompson, from the Commission’s Administrative Law Division, will preside during this proceeding.²
- 13 The Attorney General has designated Tad O’Neill from the Public Counsel Unit of the Washington Attorney General’s Office (Public Counsel) to represent the public. You may use the Commission’s address shown below for contacting Public Counsel, or you may contact Public Counsel directly by writing or calling the address or telephone number listed below.
- 14 The Commission will give parties notice of any other procedural phase of the proceeding in writing or on the record, as appropriate during this proceeding.

DATED at Lacey, Washington, and effective October 14, 2024.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

JEFF KILLIP
Executive Director and Secretary

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Hearings are accessible to persons with disabilities and persons who do not speak English as a first language. If limited English-speaking or hearing-impaired parties or witnesses are involved in a hearing and need an interpreter, a qualified interpreter will be appointed at no cost to the party or witness.

If you need an interpreter, or have other special needs, please provide the information requested below via email to Stacey Brewster, paralegal, at stacey.brewster@utc.wa.gov:

(PLEASE SUPPLY ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION)

Docket: _____

Case Name: _____

Hearing Date: _____ Hearing Location: _____

Primary Language: _____

Hearing Impaired: (Yes) _____ (No) _____

Do you need a certified sign language interpreter:

Visual _____ Tactile _____

Other type of assistance needed: _____