

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

In the Matter of the Application of)	DOCKET UW-061389
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ROSARIO UTILITIES, INC.,)	ORDER 01
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Applicant,)	
)	ORDER AUTHORIZING CHANGE
For change in Corporate Name to)	IN CORPORATE NAME AND
Rosario Utilities, LLC)	TARIFF ACCEPTANCE
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BACKGROUND

- 1 On August 28, 2006, Rosario Utilities, Inc., filed an application for change in corporate name. The new name being sought is Rosario Utilities, LLC.

- 2 Rosario Utilities, Inc's office is located near East Sound and serves approximately 457 customers in Island County. The company serves two water systems named Rosario Water (ID# 74270 J) and Orcas Highlands Water (ID# 13301).

- 3 According to the application, the change in corporate name request does not involve a change in the ownership, management or control of petitioner's operating authority.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 4 (1) The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate rates, rules, regulations, practices, accounts, securities, and transfers of public service companies, including water companies. *RCW 80.01.040, Chapter 80.04 RCW, Chapter 80.28 RCW, Chapter 80.08 RCW and Chapter 80.12 RCW.*

- 5 (2) Rosario Utilities, Inc. is an investor-owned water company and is a public service company subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.

- 6 (3) Rosario Utilities, LLC, is a Washington corporation (UBI # 601-646-152) formed to act as a utility holding company and is a public service company subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.

- 7 (4) The owners stated the benefits of this name change of the water company include the desire to operate and become recognized as a local business organization and consolidates business interest. The customers were notified previously to this filing.
- 8 (5) Commission Staff has reviewed the Company's application and recommends authorization of the change in corporate name from Rosario Utilities, Inc., to Rosario Utilities, LLC.
- 9 (6) As a result of this change in corporate name, Rosario Utilities, LLC, will maintain Rosario Utilities, Inc's water rates and charges currently in effect and has filed a revised tariff (WN-U2) under the name of Rosario Utilities, LLC.
- 10 (7) This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on September 27, 2006.
- 11 (8) The proposed change in corporate name and tariff acceptance will have an effective date of October 1, 2006. This date is to coincide with Company's billing and accounting periods. For accounting purposes the accounting records should be transferred and effective on that same date.
- 12 (9) In this docket, the Commission neither approves nor disapproves the reasonableness of any fees, charges, rates, purchase price, or accounting allocations involved with the proposed arrangement and reserves the right to review those fees, charges, rates, or accounting allocations in a future rate proceeding.
- 13 (10) After review of the application filed in Docket UW-061389 by Rosario Utilities, Inc., on August 28, 2006, and giving due consideration, the Commission finds that Application of the change in corporate name from Rosario Utilities, Inc., to Rosario Utilities, LLC, is consistent with the public interest and should be authorized.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 14 (1) The Commission authorizes the change in corporate name consistent with the application. No material change, revision, or amendment to the application and agreement shall become effective without the Commission's prior written approval.
- 15 (2) The tariff adoption filed in conjunction with the application, allowing Rosario Utilities, LLC, to continue applying pre-name change rates without change, is allowed to become effective with the effect of the application on October 1, 2006.
- 16 (3) Rosario Utilities, LLC, must file with the Commission within sixty days after the effective date of this Order, the journal entries by which it proposes to record on its books the transfer of water company assets authorized herein. The effective date for accounting purposes shall be October 1, 2006.
- 17 (4) This Order shall in no way affect the authority of this Commission over rates, services, accounts, valuations, estimates, or determination of costs, or any matters whatsoever that may come before it, nor shall anything herein be construed as acquiescence in any estimate or determination of costs, or any valuation of property claimed or asserted.
- 18 (5) The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and Rosario Utilities, Inc. 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 September 27, 2006.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Executive Secretary