

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Removal from  
Commission Regulation of

ESTATES WATER COMPANY, INC.

DOCKET UW-190461

ORDER 01

ORDER REMOVING COMPANY  
FROM REGULATION AND  
CANCELING TARIFF

**BACKGROUND**

- 1 On June 3, 2019, Estates Water Company, Inc. (Estates or Company) filed a Petition for De-regulation (Petition). In February of 2019 the Company transferred its regulated water system and customers to a currently regulated company and no longer provides water service to any customers. The Company previously served about 365 customers on a water system near Sequim in Clallam County.
- 2 On February 21, 2019, in Docket UW-190461, Estates transferred its water system to Cascadia Water, LLC.
- 3 Estates no longer has any water customers and has dissolved the water company known as Estates Water Company, Inc (Department of Health ID # 081669).
- 4 Commission staff (Staff) has reviewed the Company's filing and finds that removing the Company from regulation is in the Company's and its customers' best interests. Accordingly, Staff recommends that the Commission grant Estates' Petition.

**DISCUSSION**

- 5 RCW 80.04.010(30)(e) provides that a water company cannot be removed from regulation except with Commission approval. We agree with Staff's recommendation and find that removing Estates from regulation is consistent with the public interest. Accordingly, we grant Estates' Petition to be removed from regulation.

**FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS**

- 6 (1) The Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate the rates, rules, regulations, practices, accounts, and

securities, transfers of property and affiliated interests of public service companies, including water companies.

- 7 (2) Estates is a water company and a public service company subject to Commission regulation.
- 8 (3) On June 3, 2019, Estates filed with the Commission a Petition requesting to be removed from Commission regulation.
- 9 (4) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on June 27, 2019.
- 10 (5) After reviewing the information gathered in the investigation, and giving due consideration, the Commission finds it in the public interest to remove Estates from regulation and to cancel its tariff.

**ORDER**

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS:**

- 11 (1) Estates Water Company, Inc. is no longer subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- 12 (2) Estates Water Company, Inc. is removed from Commission regulation, and its current tariff WN U-3 is canceled as of the effective date 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 Lacey, Washington, and effective June 27, 2019.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MARK L. JOHNSON, Executive Director and Secretary