

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Petition of

TATOOSH WATER COMPANY,

Petitioner,

Seeking an Exemption from the
Provisions of WAC 480-110-505
Requiring Water Companies to File 2019
Annual Reports by May 1, 2020

DOCKET UW-200353

ORDER 01

GRANTING EXEMPTION FROM
RULE; GRANTING EXTENSION
TO FILE 2019 ANNUAL REPORT
SUBJECT TO CONDITION

BACKGROUND

- 1 On April 15, 2020, Tatoosh Water Company (Tatoosh or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a petition requesting an extension of time to file its 2019 annual report pursuant to WAC 480-110-505 (Petition). According to the Petition, the Company is unable to prepare the report by May 1 because the responsible party is new to the Company, and other staff needed to assist with gathering numbers and information to file the annual report have limited working hours due to the Governor's Proclamation 20-25 related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Tatoosh requests an extension of time until May 31, 2020, to file its 2019 annual report.
- 2 Commission staff (Staff) reviewed the request and recommends granting Tatoosh's request for exemption, subject to the condition that the Company pays its regulatory fees, as set by WAC 480-110-505(5), by May 1, 2020.

DISCUSSION

- 3 We agree with Staff's recommendation and grant the Company's request for an exemption from 480-110-505 subject to the condition that the Company pays its regulatory fee by May 1, 2020. We recognize that the Company is facing unprecedented conditions due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and accordingly grant the Company an extension until May 31, 2020, to file its annual report.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 4 (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, securities, transfers of property and affiliated interests of public service companies, including water companies.
- 5 (2) Tatoosh is a water company and a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- 6 (3) Tatoosh is subject to WAC 480-110-505, which requires water companies to file an annual report by May 1 of each year.
- 7 (4) Under WAC 480-110-505(4), the Commission may grant an extension of time allowing the Company to file its annual report after the May 1 due date if the Commission receives a request for extension before May 1.
- 8 (5) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on April 23, 2020.
- 9 (6) After reviewing the Petition filed in Docket UW-200353 by Tatoosh on April 15, 2020, and giving due consideration, the Commission finds that the exemption is in the public interest and is consistent with the purposes underlying the regulation and applicable statutes and should be granted.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 10 (1) Tatoosh Water Company's petition for an exemption from WAC 480-110-505 is granted subject to the condition that Tatoosh Water Company pay its regulatory fees by May 1, 2020.
- 11 (2) Tatoosh Water Company is granted an extension until May 31, 2020, to file its 2019 annual report.
- 12 (3) If Tatoosh Water Company fails to file its 2019 annual report by May 31, 2020, the Commission may assess penalties pursuant to RCW 80.04.080.
- 13 (4) The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and Tatoosh Water Company to effectuate the provisions of this Order.

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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 April 23, 2020.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MARK L. JOHNSON, Executive Director and Secretary