

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Removal from  
Commission Regulation of

RAINIER VIEW WATER COMPANY,  
INC.

DOCKET UW-200515

ORDER 01

REMOVING COMPANY FROM  
REGULATION AND CANCELING  
TARIFF

**BACKGROUND**

- 1 On June 4, 2020, Rainier View Water Company, Inc., (Rainier View or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a Petition for De-regulation (Petition). In February of 2020, the Company transferred its regulated water system and customers to a currently regulated company and ceased providing water service to any customers. The Company served approximately 18,500 residential and non-residential customers on 27 water systems in Pierce County and on two systems in Kitsap County.
- 2 On March 26, 2020, the Commission issued an order in Docket UW-200091 that authorized Rainier View to transfer its water systems to Washington Water Service Company (Washington Water). On June 1, 2020, the transfer of water customers was completed by Washington Water's tariff adoption in docket UW-200464.
- 3 Rainier View no longer has any water customers and is dissolving the water company known as Rainier View Water Company, Inc.
- 4 Rainier View has outstanding compliance items under Docket UW-161232, Treatment Surcharge for Capital Improvements.<sup>1</sup> Based on the Company's removal from regulation, these compliance items will no longer be required and thus should be canceled and closed.

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<sup>1</sup> See *WUTC v. Rainier View Water Company, Inc.*, Docket UW-161232 Order 01 (Dec. 22, 2016).

5 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 the Commission grant Rainier View's Petition.

### DISCUSSION

6 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 Rainier View Water from regulation is consistent with the public  
interest. Here, Rainier View transferred all of its assets to Washington Water. Rainier  
View's customers were transferred to Washington Water, and Rainier View ceased  
providing service. Accordingly, we grant Rainier View's Petition to be removed from  
regulation.

### FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 7 (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.
- 8 (2) Rainier View is a water company and a public service company subject to  
Commission regulation.
- 9 (3) On June 4, 2020, Rainier View filed with the Commission a Petition requesting to  
be removed from Commission regulation.
- 10 (4) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on  
June 25, 2020.
- 11 (5) After reviewing the information gathered in the investigation, and giving due  
consideration, the Commission finds it in the public interest to remove Rainier  
View from regulation and to cancel its tariff.

### ORDER

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS:**

- 12 (1) Rainier View Water Company, Inc. is no longer subject to Commission jurisdiction under RCW 80.04.110.
- 13 (2) Rainier View Water Company, Inc. is removed from Commission regulation, and its current tariff WN U-2 is canceled as of the effective date of this Order.
- 14 (3) As of the effective date of this Order, Rainier View Water Company, Inc., is no longer required to demonstrate compliance with the conditions set forth in Order 01, in Docket UW-161232. Docket UW-161232 is canceled and closed.
- 15 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 25, 2020.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MARK L. JOHNSON  
Executive Director and Secretary