

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND)	
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,)	
)	DOCKET UW-010877
Complainant,)	
)	COMPLAINT AND ORDER
v.)	SUSPENDING TARIFF
)	REVISIONS
RAINIER VIEW WATER)	
COMPANY, INC.)	
)	
Respondent.)	
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BACKGROUND

1 On June 15, 2001, Rainier View Water Company, Inc (Rainier) filed with the Commission revisions to its currently effective Tariff WN U-2, designated as:

Eighth Revised Sheet No. 21. Canceling Seventh Revised Sheet No. 21
First Revised Sheet No. 21.1 Canceling Original Sheet No. 21.1
Seventh Revised Sheet No. 32 Canceling Sixth Revised Sheet No. 32.

2 The filing would increase charges and rates for service provided by Rainier. Because those increases might injuriously affect the rights and interests of the public and Rainier has not demonstrated that the increases would result in rates that are fair, just, and reasonable, the Commission suspends the tariff filing and will hold public hearings if necessary to determine whether the proposed increases are fair, just, and reasonable.

FINDINGS

3 Rainier is a water company and is a public service company subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.

4 The tariff revisions filed by Rainier on June 15, 2001, would increase charges and rates for service provided by Rainier, and might injuriously affect the rights and interests of the public.

5 Rainier has not demonstrated that the increased rates and charges in its tariff revisions would result in rates that are fair, just, and reasonable.

6 As required by RCW 80.04.130, Rainier bears the burden of proof to show that the proposed increases are fair, just, and reasonable.

7 In order to carry out the duties imposed upon the Commission by law, and as authorized in RCW 80.20.20, the Commission believes it necessary to investigate Rainier's books, accounts, practices and activities; to make a valuation or appraisal of Rainier's property; and to investigate and appraise various phases of Rainier's operations. Rainier may be required to pay the expenses reasonably attributable and allocable to the investigation to the extent the requirements for such payment are consistent or authorized by chapter 80.20 RCW.

O R D E R

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

8 The tariff revisions filed on June 15, 2001, are suspended.

9 The Commission will hold hearings at such times and places as may be required.

10 Rainier must not change or alter the tariff revisions filed in this docket during the suspension period, unless authorized by the Commission.

11 The Commission will institute an investigation of Rainier's books, accounts, practices, activities, property and operations, as described above.

12 Rainier may be required to pay the expenses reasonably attributable and allocable to the Commission's investigation to the extent the requirements for such payment are in accordance with the provisions of chapter 80.20 RCW.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 11th day of July, 2001.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MARILYN SHOWALTER, Chairwoman

RICHARD HEMSTAD, Commissioner

PATRICK J. OSHIE, Commissioner