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Docket: UW-060167
Company Name: Burton Water Company, Inc.

Staff: Jim Ward, Regulatory Analyst

Recommendation

Issue a Complaint and Order Suspending the Tariff Revision filed by Burton Water Company, Inc., in Docket UW-060167.

Discussion

On January 24, 2006, Burton Water Company, Inc., (Burton Water or Company) filed for general rates for \$15,238 (14 percent) of additional revenue per year. The Company serves 415 customers in the central part of Vashon Island located in King County.

The Company states the reason for filing is due to miscalculation of water usage, decreased water usage and increased management fees. The company's last general rate increase was March of 2005.

The Commission has received no customer comments on this filing. The customers were notified of this increase in a mailing on January 28, 2006. The current and proposed rates are provided below:

<u>Rates</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Base Rate		
Includes 400 cubic feet per month	\$ 16.70	\$ 20.00
Usage (per 100 cubic feet or portion thereof)		
401 - 2,500	\$ 1.80	\$ 1.80
Over 2,500	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00

Commission staff is reviewing the books and records of the company in support of the filing. Staff and company are discussing alternatives to the current rate design. The current rate design still has an allowance of water with the basic charge.

Conclusion

The Company has not yet demonstrated that the proposed rates are fair, just, and reasonable. Therefore, Staff recommends that the Commission issue a Complaint and Order Suspending the Tariff Revision filed by Burton Water Company, Inc., in Docket UW-060167.