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Docket: UW-081259
Company Name: Fircroft, Inc.

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Recommendation

Take no action on this filing at this time to allow for customer comments.

Discussion

On July 7, 2008, Fircroft, Inc. (Fircroft or company), filed with the Utilities and Transportation Commission (commission) tariff revisions that would generate \$4,788 (21 percent) in additional revenue per year. The company serves 14 residential customers and two master meter customers, serving a total of 52 customers, near East Sound on Orcas Island, located in San Juan County. The proposed rates are prompted by cost increases in supplies, electrical power, labor, and increased maintenance and repairs for aging plant.

Today's presentation allows customers or other parties to make comments to the commission. No action is required by the commission. Staff will make its recommendation to the commission at the open meeting on August 14, 2008. All customers receive metered service. The company's last general rate increase became effective in 2000, prior to becoming regulated.

On July 3, 2008, the company notified its customers of the rate increase by mail. The commission has received no customer comments on this filing as of July 28, 2008.

Rate Comparison

Monthly Rate	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
Base Rate (under 1,000 gallons used)	\$25.00	\$30.00
Base Rate (over 1,000 gallons used)	\$30.00	\$38.00
0 – 4,000 gallons	\$1.00 per 1,000 Gallons	\$1.30 per 1,000 Gallons
4,001 – 10,000 gallons	\$3.00 per 1,000 Gallons	\$4.00 per 1,000 Gallons
10,001 – 20,000 gallons	\$7.00 per 1,000 Gallons	\$9.00 per 1,000 Gallons
Over 20,000 gallons	\$10.00 per 1,000 Gallons	\$13.00 per 1,000 Gallons

Monthly Rate	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
Beach Haven - Usage Rate	\$10.00 per 1,000 Gallons	\$13.00 per 1,000 Gallons
Sunset Ranch - Usage Rate	\$8.00 per 1,000 Gallons	\$13.00 per 1,000 Gallons
	Other Charges	
Inactive Membership	\$15.00	\$32.00
Late Payment	2 % unpaid	\$25.00
NSF Check	\$25.00	\$30.00
Bulk Water	\$20.00 per 1,000 Gallons	\$25.00 per 1,000 Gallons

Average Customer Charge Comparison

Average Monthly Usage 4,713 Gallons	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
Base Meter Charge	\$25.00	\$30.00
4,000 Gallons	\$4.00	\$5.20
713 Gallons	\$2.14	\$2.85
Average Monthly Bill	\$31.14	\$38.05

Commission staff has not yet completed its review of the company's supporting financial documents, books and records.

Conclusion

Take no action on this filing at this time to allow for customer comments.