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**NOTICE REQUIRING STATUS REPORT FILING
(Status Report on Settlement Negotiations Due April 9, 2012)**

RE: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Rainier View Water Company, Inc.*, Docket UW-110054

TO THE PARTIES:

On January 4, 2011, Rainier View Water Company, Inc. (Rainier View) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) revisions to its tariff.¹ On June 20, 2011, all parties to this proceeding filed a request that the Commission suspend the procedural schedule established in Order 02, Prehearing Conference Order, entered on May 2, 2011. Rainier View and the Commission's regulatory staff (Staff) stated that they were making progress in their settlement discussions and that holding the procedural schedule in abeyance would facilitate negotiations. The parties provided the Commission with a status report on the progress of their negotiations on July 21, 2011, stating that negotiations toward a settlement continue. On July 26, 2011, Rainier View filed a letter waiving the tariff revisions statutory effective date for three months. Rainier View filed an additional, two-month waiver on September 1, 2011.

Also on September 1, 2011, Staff filed a letter informing the Commission that settlement negotiations were ongoing. On November 1, 2011, Staff filed a status report stating that the parties had reached an agreement in principle and that they were fine-tuning the details. The Commission has received no further updates from either Staff or Rainier View.

¹ Pursuant to RCW 80.04.130, the Commission may suspend a tariff revision involving a rate change for ten months from the date the tariff revision would have gone into effect. The suspended tariff would have become effective on February 4, 2011, and so the statutory effective date of the requested tariff revision was December 4, 2011. With Rainier View's five-month waiver, the statutory effective date of its tariff revisions is May 4, 2012.

Due to the lack of progress on a settlement agreement and the approaching statutory effective date, the Commission will require the parties to provide a status report by April 9, 2012, and, if the parties are unable to produce a fully-executed settlement agreement by that time, an additional waiver from Rainier View will be necessary. The Commission reserves the right to schedule a prehearing conference if no progress appears to have been made in resolving the underlying issues since November 1, 2011.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That the parties will file a status report on the progress of their settlement negotiations on or before April 9, 2012. If the parties do not have a fully-executed settlement agreement at that time, an additional waiver from Rainier View will be necessary.

Sincerely,

MARGUERITE E. FRIEDLANDER
Administrative Law Judge