

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Removal from)	DOCKET UW-090539
Commission Regulation of)	
)	ORDER 01
BLISS INDUSTRIES, INC., DBA)	
Y BAR S WATER COMPANY)	
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)	ORDER REMOVING COMPANY
Requesting Removal from)	FROM REGULATION AND
Commission Regulation)	CANCELING TARIFF
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BACKGROUND

- 1 On March 23, 2009, the City of Enumclaw purchased the assets and took over operation and ownership of Bliss Industries, Inc., dba Y Bar S Water Company (Bliss). On April 14, 2009, Bliss filed notice with the Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) of the transfer of ownership of all of the water system assets owned by Bliss to the City of Enumclaw. Bliss seeks to remove itself from regulation and to cancel its tariff. The water company provides water service to approximately 102 residential customers in the Y Bar S subdivision near Enumclaw, located in King County.
- 2 As a result of a Staff investigation, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) finds that Bliss no longer provides regulated water service. The Commission may remove a water company from regulation under RCW RCW 80.04.010. A water company cannot be removed from regulation without the Commission’s approval. Removing Bliss from regulation will be consistent with the public interest because the water system is now owned and operated by the City of Enumclaw, which is not subject to Commission jurisdiction.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 3 (1) The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate the rates, rules, regulations, practices, accounts, securities, transfers of property and affiliated interests of public service companies, including water companies. *RCW 80.01.040, RCW 80.04, RCW 80.08, RCW 80.12, RCW 80.16 and RCW 80.28.*

- 4 (2) Bliss is an investor-owned water company and a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- 5 (3) The transfer of assets of Bliss to City of Enumclaw is exempt from Commission regulation under RCW 80.12.020 and RCW 36.96.010 and is not subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- 6 (4) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on April 30, 2009.
- 7 (5) After reviewing the information gathered in the investigation, and giving due consideration, the Commission finds it in the public interest to grant Bliss's request for removal from regulation and to cancel the corresponding tariff.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 8 (1) Bliss Industries, Inc., dba Y Bar S Water Company is no longer subject to Commission jurisdiction under RCW 80.04.110.
- 9 (2) Bliss Industries, Inc., dba Y Bar S Water Company is removed from regulation by this Commission and its current tariff WN U-1 is canceled as of the effective date of this Order.

The Commissioners, having determined this Order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Executive Director and Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective April 30, 2009.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DAVID W. DANNER, Executive Director and Secretary