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## VIA E-FILING

Mr. Mark L. Johnson, Executive Director and Secretary Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission 1300 South Evergreen Park Drive SW Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Re:

Burton Water Company - Seventh Revised Sheet No. 22 Canceling Sixth Revised Sheet No. 22; Fifth Revised Sheet No. 23 Canceling Fourth Revised Sheet No. 23

Dear Mr. Johnson:

The attached filing constitutes a general rate increase for Burton Water Company. It has been three years since the Company's last general rate increase. The major factors leading to this request are King County beginning to charge rent for the use of the public right-of-way and the increase in corporate taxes due to the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017. General expense items have increased as well. There are also expenses related to source protection requested by the Washington State Department of Health.

This general rate increase, if granted, would have the following effect on rates. The base rate for most customers (3/4 inch connection), including ready-to-serve customers, will increase by \$9.90 per month. The base rate for 1" meter connection will go up by \$16.64 per month. There will also be an increase to Rate Block One from \$2.57 per hundred cubic feet to \$4.07 per hundred cubic feet. The base rate for 3/4" meter connections and ready-to-serve customers are increasing by 33.3% and the base rate for 1" meter customers is increasing by 33.6%. Rate Block One is increasing by 58.4%.

The proposed increase would produce an overall revenue increase of \$85,353 which is a 33.8% increase in overall revenue.

A copy of the customer notice is attached. A Results of Operations statement is also included as part of the Commission's workbook. The Results of Operations statement shows a calculation of the revenue impact of the proposed rates.

Also enclosed are a balance sheet, income statement, depreciation schedule, and usage statistics all included within the Commission's workbook.

There is a schedule of adjustments showing restating and pro forma adjustments. The work papers to calculate the amount of the adjustments are included in those schedules.

The Company has very minor non-regulated operations of about \$676.00 in revenue. The only affiliated transactions that it has that have not previously been disclosed to the Commission are the 2017 wages paid to Mr. Garrison and Mr. Simmons. The fact that Mr. Garrison and Mr. Simmons work for the Company has been known to the Commission for many years. Those amounts are included in the wage total set forth in the Results of Operations. The Water System ID number for the system is 09800L.

The Company respectfully requests that the requested general rate increase be allowed to take effect July 1, 2018.

The undersigned has authority to issue and file tariff sheets on behalf of the company.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

RICHARD A. FINNIGAN

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cc: Client (via e-mail)