BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Removal from Commission Regulation of

COPALIS ROCKS WATER SYSTEM,

Requesting Removal from Commission Regulation

DOCKET UW-240899

ORDER 01

REMOVING COMPANY FROM REGULATION AND CANCELING TARIFF

BACKGROUND

- 1 On November 11, 2024, Copalis Rocks Water System (Copalis Rocks or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a Petition for de-regulation (Petition). In August of 2024, Copalis Rocks transferred its regulated water system and customers to a currently regulated company and no longer provides water service to any customers. The Company previously served 34 customers in Copalis Beach, which is in Grays Harbor County.
- 2 On August 31, 2024, Copalis Rocks transferred its water system to Grays Harbor County. Therefore, Copalis Rocks no longer has any water customers and has dissolved the water company known as Copalis Rocks Water System (Department of Health ID #07301B).
- 3 Commission staff (Staff) has reviewed the Company's filing and supports removing the Company from regulation. Accordingly, Staff recommends that the Commission grant Copalis Rocks' Petition.

DISCUSSION

RCW 80.04.010(30)(e) provides that a water company can only be removed from regulation with Commission approval. We agree with Staff's recommendation and find that removing Copalis Rocks from regulation is consistent with the public interest. Accordingly, we grant Copalis Rocks' Petition to be removed from regulation.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 5 (1) The 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.
- 6 (2) Copalis Rocks is a water company and a public service company subject to Commission regulation.
- 7 (3) On November 11, 2024, Copalis Rocks filed with the Commission a Petition requesting to be removed from Commission Regulation.
- 8 (4) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on December 5, 2024.
- 9 (5) After reviewing the information gathered in the investigation, and giving due consideration, the Commission finds it in the public interest to grant Pelican Point's request for removal from regulation and to cancel the corresponding tariff.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- *10* (1) Copalis Rocks Water Company is no longer subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- (2) Copalis Rocks 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 Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Lacey, Washington, and effective December 5, 2024.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Jeff Killip Executive Director and Secretary