

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

In the Matter of the Petition of)	DOCKET UW-090839
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CRISTALINA, LLC,)	ORDER 04
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Petitioner,)	
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For An Order Granting An Extension)	ORDER GRANTING PETITION
Of Time To File Rate Case)	FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO
)	FILE RATE CASE
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BACKGROUND

- 1 Cristalina, LLC (Cristalina or Company) asks the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) for an extension of time until September 1, 2010, to file the rate case required by Order 03, issued in Docket UW-090839 on February 26, 2010.
- 2 On February 26, 2010, the Commission issued Order 03 in Docket UW-090839 incorporating the parties' Settlement Agreement resolving the contested issues in the case. Among other things, the Order required the Company to file temporary metered rates within 120 days of the construction project completion date. The Company agreed that it had reached substantial completion of the project by March 15, 2010, which means the Company's rate filing became due no later than July 15, 2010.
- 3 On July 13, 2010, Cristalina, LLC filed a letter, citing an incorrect docket number, requesting a 10-day extension of the deadline to file the rate case. On July 16, 2010, the Company filed its request in this Docket asking the Commission to extend the due date until September 1, 2010. The Company states that it has hired a new bookkeeper and needs more time to prepare the rate filing.
- 4 Commission Staff reviewed the request and recommended granting Cristalina, LLC's request for an extension of time until September 1, 2010, to file the required temporary metered rates.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 5 (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.*
- 6 (2) Cristalina, LLC is a water company and a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- 7 (3) The Commission, in Order 03, ordered Cristalina to file temporary metered rates no later than 120 days after the construction project completion date. The construction project completion date was considered to be March 15, 2010, which made the rate filing due by July 15, 2010. The Company petitioned to extend the due date because its bookkeeping staff is new and it needs more time to prepare the rate filing.
- 8 (4) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on July 29, 2010.
- 9 (5) After reviewing Cristalina's petition filed on July 16, 2010, and giving due consideration to all relevant matters and for good cause shown, the Commission finds that an extension of time should be granted subject to the condition that the Company file temporary metered rates by September 1, 2010. This extension of time will allow the Company to prepare and file a complete rate filing.

O R D E R

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 10 (1) Cristalina, LLC's petition seeking an extension of time until September 1, 2010, to file temporary metered rates is granted.

- 11 (2) This authorization is conditioned on Cristalina, LLC filing the temporary metered rates by September 1, 2010.
- 12 (3) This Order shall not affect the Commission's authority over rates, services, accounts, valuations, estimates, or determination of costs, on any matters that may come before it. Nor shall this Order granting Petition be construed as an agreement to any estimate or determination of costs, or any valuation of property claimed or asserted.
- 13 (4) The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and Cristalina, LLC to effectuate the provisions 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 Olympia, Washington, and effective July 29, 2010.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DAVID W. DANNER, Executive Director and Secretary