

MINUTES

Thursday, June 24, 2021
9:30 A.M.

PRESENT: David Danner, Chairman
Jay Balasbas, Commissioner
Ann Rendahl, Commissioner

The virtual regular meeting of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission was called to order on Thursday, June 24, 2021, by Commissioner Rendahl. Chair Danner is participating telephonically. Mark Vasconi, Director, Regulatory Services, indicated there are not changes to the agenda.

E)1. Consent 00:00 mp3

Disposition: Commissioner Balasbas moved to approve the consent agenda and directs the Secretary to sign orders and/or letters necessary to affect each action. Chairman Danner seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0).

UTILITIES:

- A)1. 02:03 mp4 Docket Number UE-210387; Puget Sound Energy; Revises Tariff WN U-60, Schedule 129 Low Income Program to Comply with the Definition of "low-income" as Established by the Commission in Docket UE-200629. This change makes households with incomes up to the higher of 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Level or 80 percent of Area Median Income, adjusted for household size, eligible for PSE's Home Energy Lifeline Program. Tariff Revision

Appearances: Hanna Navarro, staff; Suzanne Sasville, Energy Assistance Programs, Puget Sound Energy

The Commissioner's took no action, allowing Puget Sound Energy's (PSE) revision to the WN U-60, Tariff G, Schedule 129 to become effective June 27, 2021, by operation of law.

- A)2. 12:30 mp4 Docket Number UW-200979; Cascadia Water, LLC; Proposed tariff revisions that would generate approximately \$325,000 (53.5 percent) in additional annual revenue, to be phased in over a 17-month period in four phases. The first phase would be 5 months, with the remaining phases being 6 months per phase. The company serves approximately 1,750 customers on two water systems located near Sequim in Clallam County and 12 water systems located on Whidbey

Island in Island County. Tariff Revision

Appearances: Greg Hammond, Jim Ward and John Cupp, staff; Eric Nelson, Attorney, Northwest Natural Water and Cascadia Water, LLC; Culley Lehman, Cascadia Water, LLC; Jocelyne Gray, Department of Health; Kyle Walker, Northwest Natural on behalf of Cascadia Water, LLC; Judy Endejan, Attorney, Water Consumer Advocates, Dungeness Estates; Vicki Colburn, Rick Smith and Tom Cox, Consumers; Nina Suetake, Public Counsel; Nash Callaghan, Assistant Attorney General; Bryan Lindgren, Monterra Estates customer

Disposition: Chairman Danner moved to reject the tariff filing in this docket while approving the revenue requirements and direct staff to allocate that revenue requirements appropriately between the Peninsula customers and the island customers, and to resubmit the tariff for review at a recessed meeting scheduled for noon on June 30, 2021. Commissioner Balasbas seconded the motion. (3:0)

- A)3. 07:29 mp4 Docket Number UW-210260; Tatoosh Water Company; Proposed tariff revisions filed as a general rate increase that would generate \$20,769 (19.5 percent) additional annual revenue to account for increased expenses for contract operations, repairs, maintenance, and insurance. The company serves 142 customers in Snohomish and Skagit Counties. The proposed effective date is July 1, 2021. Tariff Revision

Appearances: Jim Ward, staff

The Commissioner's took no action allowing the tariff pages filed by Tatoosh Water Company on April 19, 2021, as revised on June 11, 2021, to become effective July 1, 2021, in Docket UW-210260, by operation of law.

Commissioner Rendahl recessed the open meeting to Wednesday, June 30, 2021, at 12:00 p.m.

TRANSPORTATION: No Transportation items for this agenda.

OTHER: No Other items for this agenda.

Chairman Danner reconvened the meeting on Wednesday, June 30, 2021.

RECESSED:

A)2. 00:00 mp4 Docket Number UW-200979; Cascadia Water, LLC; Proposed tariff revisions that would generate approximately \$325,000 (53.5 percent) in additional annual revenue, to be phased in over a 17-month period in four phases. The first phase would be 5 months, with the remaining phases being 6 months per phase. The company serves approximately 1,750 customers on two water systems located near Sequim in Clallam County and 12 water systems located on Whidbey Island in Island County. Tariff Revision

Appearances: Greg Hammond and Jim Ward, staff; Sarah Laycock, Public Counsel; Amy Lehman, Cascadia Water, LLC; Eric Nelsen, Attorney, Cascadia Water, LLC;

The commissioner took no action, thereby allowing the tariff pages filed by Cascadia Water, LLC, on December 8, 2020, as revised on June 29, 2021, to become effective July 1, 2021, by operation of law.

The meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Attested by _____
Mark L. Johnson, Executive Director