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**Docket UW-200979 – Order 01
Allowing Rates to Go Into Effect July 1, 2021, Subject to Condition**

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UTC Commissioners' Decision

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11 The Commission agrees with Staff's recommendation in part and finds that Cascadia's revised additional annual revenue requirement results in rates that are fair, just, reasonable, and **sufficient**.

12 Based on customer comments and concerns, however, we decline to approve a single tariff pricing rate structure. Cascadia is required to collaborate with Staff to reallocate costs appropriately between customers of Cascadia's Peninsula and Island water systems, and to calculate revised tariff rates, to reflect separate rates for the Peninsula and Island systems, based on the results of this analysis.

Due to the unique circumstances in this case, it is reasonable and appropriate that customers on Cascadia water systems near Sequim, in Clallam County, i.e., the Peninsula systems, should not at this time be required to pay tariff rates that include capital improvements to the systems located on Whidbey Island.

While the Commission finds that single tariff pricing is, as a general matter, beneficial to all customers,

we recognize the strong opposition to single tariff pricing by many of the company's customers in the Sequim area, and their concerns about the costs of future capital improvements on Whidbey Island relative to those on the Olympic Peninsula.

Accordingly, we approve the proposed revenue requirement subject to the condition that the Company file revised tariff pages consistent with this decision. The Commission will consider Cascadia's replacement tariff pages at a recessed open meeting set for 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 30, 2021.

13 The decision today does not preclude the Company from requesting single tariff pricing, or the Commission from considering the appropriateness of single tariff pricing, in future proceedings involving Cascadia.

While the rate increase is to be fair, just and reasonable, it must also be sufficient to meet the needs of the company (Cascadia). Determining the rate increase is the job of the UTC rate staff.