

- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

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In the Matter of the Request of Little Plains Water Co. )  
For a Rate Increase and Name Change to Apple Valley )  
Water Company. )

DOCKET NO. 04-2178-01

ORDER AUTHORIZING RATE INCREASE AND  
NAME CHANGE

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ISSUED: May 28, 2004

By The Commission:

Public hearing on this matter was held on April 8, 2004, pursuant to prior notice. Sandy Mooy, the designated Hearing Office for the hearing, conducted the hearing. Ted Gubler, president of the Little Plains Water Company appeared on behalf of the petitioner; Patricia Schmid, Assistant Attorney General appeared for the Division of Public Utilities, with Barry Golding, a staff member of the Division of Public Utilities; numerous customers of the company also appeared and participated. Prior to the hearing, on March 23, 2004, the Division of Public Utilities filed its written comments reviewing its analysis of the company's application and supporting the changes requested. During the hearing, customers expressing a viewpoint on the proposed rate increase stated they supported or had no objection to the rates proposed by the company, no customer expressed any opposition to the rate changes or the name change requested by the company. Numerous questions were posed to representatives of the company concerning service, maintenance, water sources and other issues not related to the company's requested relief. However, during the company's response to these inquiries, the company agreed that the rate changes sought in its application would become effective after a second source well developed by the company was connected to the utility's system and became operational. Based upon the company's application, the comments of the Division of Public Utilities and the information obtained at the hearing, the Hearing Officer recommends approval of the rate changes and name change requested by the company. The rates would become effective after the date the company's second well is connected and is operational for the provision of utility service to customers.

Recommended and Dated this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2004.

/s/ Sandy Mooy,  
Hearing Officer

The Hearing Officer's recommendation is approved and adopted by the Public Service Commission.

Wherefore, it is hereby ORDERED:

1. The rate changes requested in the application filed January 22, 2004, are approved and may become effective after the company's second source well become operational and is connected to the utility's system.
2. The name change, to Apple Valley Water Company, requested in the applications is approved.

DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2004.

/s/ Ric Campbell, Chairman

/s/ Constance B. White, Commissioner

/s/ Ted Boyer, Commissioner

Attest:

/s/ Julie Orchard  
Commission Secretary

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