

**BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE INTEREST RATE )**  
**ON DEPOSITS COLLECTED FROM )** **CASE NO. GNR-U-18-02**  
**CUSTOMERS OF GAS, ELECTRIC, )**  
**TELEPHONE AND WATER PUBLIC )**  
**UTILITIES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2019 )** **ORDER NO. 34204**  
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The Commission’s Customer Relations Rules for Gas, Electric and Water Utilities (IDAPA 31.21.01.106) and the Customer Relations Rules for Telephone Companies (IDAPA 31.41.01.104) require utilities to pay interest on customer deposits. To determine the interest rate, the Commission calculates the 12-month average interest rate for one-year treasury bills for the previous November 1 through October 31, rounded to the nearest whole percent. Public utilities must pay the rounded interest rate on customer deposits during the next calendar year.

Using the weekly rates as posted by the U.S. Department of Treasury, the average interest rate for one-year treasury bills for the 12-month period from November 1, 2017 through October 31, 2018, is 2.15%. Accordingly, public utilities shall pay 2.0% annual interest on all customer deposits for calendar year 2019. This interest rate is 1% higher than 2018.

**ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that 2.0% annual interest shall be paid during calendar year 2019 on customer deposits held by gas, electric, water, and telephone companies subject to this Commission’s jurisdiction under IDAPA 31.21.01.106 and 31.41.01.104. The Commission Secretary shall serve this Order upon all public utilities operating within Idaho.

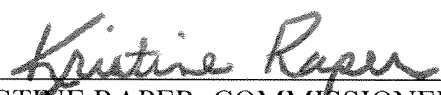
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the rate on deferred accounts using the customer deposit rate during calendar year 2019 shall be 2.0%.

THIS IS A FINAL ORDER. Any person interested in this Order may petition for reconsideration within twenty-one (21) days of the service date of this Order. Within seven (7) days after any person has petitioned for reconsideration, any other person may cross-petition for reconsideration. See *Idaho Code* §§ 61-626 and 62-619.

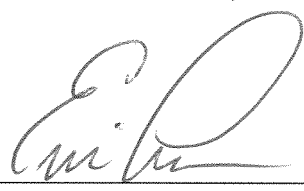
DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December 2018.



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PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT



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KRISTINE RAPER, COMMISSIONER



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ERIC ANDERSON, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:



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Diane M. Hanian  
Commission Secretary

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