

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)	CASE NO. FLS-W-18-01
OF NORTHWEST NATURAL WATER)	
COMPANY, LLC TO ACQUIRE FALLS)	NOTICE OF APPLICATION
WATER COMPANY)	
)	NOTICE OF
)	INTERVENTION DEADLINE
)	
)	ORDER NO. 34007

On February 21, 2018, Northwest Natural Water Company, LLC, filed an Application requesting that the Commission approve their proposed acquisition of Falls Water Company.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that Northwest Natural Water is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Northwest Natural Gas Company, a publicly-traded gas company located in Portland, Oregon. Application at 2. The gas company serves approximately 730,000 customers in western Oregon and Washington. *Id.*

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Falls Water is a privately held Idaho water company serving approximately 5,500 customers near Idaho Falls, Idaho. *Id.* at 2-3. Falls Water holds Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 236. *Id.*

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Northwest Natural states that, if approved by the Commission, Falls Water would continue to operate in its current corporate form. *Id.* This includes no changes in Falls’ CPCN, employees, customers base, and service area. *Id.* Further, Northwest Natural state that Falls’ current owner will remain president of the water company for at least one year, and manage the water company through the transition period. *Id.*

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Northwest Natural further reports that the transaction will not cause an increase in rates. *Id.* The Company claims that the current Falls Water staff will all remain in place, and that the company will continue to “have the business experience, financial ability, and water system expertise to continue to operate and maintain Falls Water’s system.” *Id.* at 4. Notably, Northwest states that it plans to make capital improvements in the future, including construction of well facilities, and possibly storage facilities. *Id.*

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the applicants request that this Application be processed by modified procedure, and that the Commission issue a final order in this matter by May 1, 2018. *Id.* at 6.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application and supporting workpapers, testimonies and exhibits have been filed with the Commission and are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission offices. The Application and testimonies are also available on the Commission's web site at www.puc.idaho.gov. Click on the "File Room" tab at the top of the page, scroll down to "Water Cases," and then click on the case number as shown on the front of this document.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this case will be held pursuant to the Commission's jurisdiction under Title 61 of the Idaho Code. The Commission may enter any final Order consistent with its authority under Title 61.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this matter will be conducted pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.000 *et seq.*

NOTICE OF INTERVENTION DEADLINE

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that **persons desiring to intervene** in this matter for the purpose of presenting evidence or cross-examining witnesses at hearing **must file a Petition to Intervene** with the Commission pursuant to this Commission's Rules of Procedure 72 and 73, IDAPA 31.01.01.072 and -.073. Persons intending to participate at the hearing must file a Petition to Intervene **no later than March 30, 2018**. Persons desiring to present their views without parties' rights of participation and cross-examination are not required to intervene and may present their comments without prior notification to the Commission or the parties.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission Secretary shall issue a Notice of Parties after the deadline for intervention has passed. The Notice of Parties shall assign exhibit numbers to each party in this proceeding.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that once the Notice of Parties is issued, the Commission's Staff will convene an informal prehearing conference at the Commission's offices for the parties to discuss a schedule to process this case and other issues as may be raised by the parties.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the following persons are designated as party representatives in this matter:

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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all hearings and prehearing conferences in this matter will be held in facilities meeting the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Persons needing the help of a sign language interpreter or other assistance in order to participate in or to understand testimony and argument at a public hearing may ask the Commission to provide a sign language interpreter or other assistance at the hearing. The request for assistance must be received at least five (5) working days before the hearing by contacting the Commission Secretary at:

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ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that persons desiring to intervene in this matter shall file a Petition to Intervene with the Commission no later than March 30, 2018. After that, Staff shall convene an informal conference with the parties to discuss appropriate scheduling of this case going forward.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 14th day of March 2018.


PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT


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ATTEST:



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