

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF RICKEL WATER COMPANY TO COMBINE WITH BITTERROOT WATER SYSTEM, INC.) CASE NO. RIC-W-17-01)) NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE)) NOTICE OF COMMENT DEADLINES)) ORDER NO. 33969
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On July 28, 2017, Rickel Water and Bitterroot Water jointly applied to the Commission to consolidate the two companies into one. The Companies state that the two are interconnected, share common ownership, and operate under the same rate structure. The Commission subsequently issued notice of the application and set an intervention deadline of September 5, 2017. No intervenors appeared. Staff has reviewed the Companies' application, requested information from the owner of the Companies, and pursuant to Commission direction, convened with the Companies, and requested the Commission set a scheduling order.

NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Commission has reviewed the filing in this action, and has preliminarily determined that a formal hearing in this matter is unnecessary and will proceed under Modified Procedure pursuant to Rules 201 through 204 of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201 through .204. The Commission notes that Modified Procedure and written comments have proven to be an effective means for obtaining public input and participation.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that any person or party desiring to state a position on this Application may file a written comment in support or opposition with the Commission **no later than February 8, 2018**. The comment must contain a statement of reasons supporting the comment. Persons desiring a hearing must specifically request a hearing in their written comments. Written comments concerning this Application shall be mailed to the Commission and the Applicant at the addresses reflected below:

Commission Secretary
Idaho Public Utilities Commission
PO Box 83720
Boise, ID 83720-0074

Ken Rickel
Owner and Manager
Rickel Water Co.
PO Box 1261
Hayden Lake, ID 83835

Street Address for Express Mail:

472 W. Washington Street
Boise, ID 83702-5918

These comments should contain the case caption and case number shown on the first page of this document. Persons desiring to submit comments via e-mail may do so by accessing the Commission's home page located at www.puc.idaho.gov. Click the "Case Comment or Question Form" under the "Consumers" tab, and complete the comment form using the case number as it appears on the front of this document. These comments must also be sent to the Applicant at the e-mail address(es) listed above.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company may file reply comments, if necessary, **no later than February 22, 2018**.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if no written comments or protests are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider this matter on its merits and enter its Order without a formal hearing. If written comments are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider them and, in its discretion, may set the same for formal hearing.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this case be processed by Modified Procedure. Persons interested in submitting written comments regarding this case, or protesting the use of Modified Procedure, should do so no later than February 8, 2018.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that reply comments, if any, may be filed no later than February 22, 2018.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 23RD
day of January 2018.



PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT




KRISTINE RAPER, COMMISSIONER



ERIC ANDERSON, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:



Diane Hanian
Commission Secretary

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