

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 MODIFIED
WATER COMPANY) PROCEDURE
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) NOTICE OF
) COMMENT DEADLINES
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) NOTICE OF PUBLIC
) WORKSHOP
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) ORDER NO. 34057

On February 21, 2018, Northwest Natural Water Company applied to the Commission requesting approval of their proposed acquisition of Falls Water Company. Northwest Natural Water is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Northwest Natural Gas Company, a publicly-traded gas company located in Portland, Oregon. Falls Water is a privately held Idaho water company serving approximately 5,500 customers near Idaho Falls, Idaho.

The Commission issued notice of the application and set an intervention deadline of March 30, 2018. No intervenors appeared. After reviewing the application and gathering additional information, Staff has agreed that the Company’s proposal to process this case by modified procedure is appropriate. Staff requested that the Commission set a May 31, 2018, comment deadline, and a June 7, 2018, reply deadline. Additionally, Staff requested that the Commission order a public workshop to be conducted by Staff on May 21, 2018.

With this Order the Commission authorizes the use of Modified Procedure, establishes deadlines for the filing of written comments, and orders that Staff conduct a public workshop.

NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Commission has reviewed the filing in this action, and has determined that the public interest may not require a formal hearing in this matter 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

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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 May 31, 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

Street Address for Express Mail:

472 W. Washington Street
Boise, ID 83702-5918

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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.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company may file reply comments, if necessary, **no later than June 7, 2018**.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if no written comments or protests are received within the time limit set, the Commission may consider this matter on its merits and enter its Order without a 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.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that Commission Staff will convene a public workshop in this matter, as follows:

DATE: MONDAY, MAY 21, 2018
TIME: 6:00-8:00 PM (MDT)
LOCATION: AMMON CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
2135 S. AMMON ROAD
AMMON, IDAHO 83406

The public workshop will offer Staff and interested persons an opportunity to meet, ask questions, receive information, and give Falls Water customers an opportunity to hear from Commission Staff regarding the Application.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all workshops and hearings 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 working days before the hearing by contacting the Commission Secretary at:

IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
PO BOX 83720
BOISE, IDAHO 83720-0074
(208) 334-0338 (Telephone)
(208) 334-3762 (FAX)
E-Mail: secretary@puc.idaho.gov

FINDINGS/CONCLUSIONS

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has jurisdiction over this Application, and the issues involved in this case by virtue of Title 61, and the Commission’s Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.000 *et seq.* We have determined that the public interest may not require a hearing to consider the issues presented in this case, and that issues raised by the filing may be processed under Modified Procedure.

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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 May 31, 2018.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that reply comments, if any, may be filed no later than June 7, 2018.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Staff will conduct a public workshop on May 21, 2018.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this *8th* day of May 2018.



PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT




KRISTINE RAPER, COMMISSIONER



ERIC ANDERSON, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:



Diane M. Hainan
Commission Secretary

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