

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)	CASE NO. GPW-W-17-01
OF GROUSE POINT WATER COMPANY,)	
LLC FOR AUTHORITY TO INCREASE ITS)	NOTICE OF
RATES AND CHARGES FOR WATER)	MODIFIED PROCEDURE
SERVICE IN IDAHO)	
)	NOTICE OF
)	COMMENT DEADLINES
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)	NOTICE OF
)	PUBLIC WORKSHOP
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)	ORDER NO. 33806

On February 22, 2017, Grouse Point Water Company applied to the Commission for authority to increase its monthly base rate from \$22 per month to \$113.86 per month (418%), and to increase its consumptive charge for customers using over 8,000 gallons per month from \$0.50 per 1,000 gallons of use to \$5.00 per 1,000 gallons of use (900%). The Company also proposes a new consumptive charge of \$1.83 per 1,000 gallons of use under 8,000 gallons per month. Grouse Point asks for the new rates to take effect on April 15, 2017.

On March 9, 2017, the Commission issued notice of the Application, set an intervention deadline, and suspended the proposed effective date until October 15, 2017.

Grouse Point is a limited liability corporation providing water service to 24 customers in the Kuna, Idaho area. The Company's existing tariff is a simple base rate with a uniform single block structure approved by the Commission in December 2003. Order No. 29402. The Company claims its existing rates are not adequate to cover even half of the operational and maintenance expenses; do not recognize significant capital improvements made since the last rate case; and must be increased to continue operating. The increase is largely attributed to repairs, treatment, and replacement of a well due to EPA standards for uranium levels in drinking water.

After reviewing the Application and gathering additional information, Staff agreed that the Company's proposal to process this case by Modified Procedure is appropriate. Staff thus requested that the Commission order that the case be processed by Modified Procedure, and that an August 17, 2017 comment deadline, and an August 31, 2017 reply deadline be set.

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Furthermore, Staff requested that a Staff workshop be set to take place on July 20, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., at Kuna City Hall, 751 West 4th Street, Kuna, Idaho.

With this Order the Commission authorizes the use of Modified Procedure and establishes deadlines for the filing of written comments.

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 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 August 17, 2017**. 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 Grouse Point at the addresses reflected below:

Commission Secretary	Lisa A Wanner
Idaho Public Utilities Commission	Personal Representative
PO Box 83720	Grouse Point Water Company, LLC
Boise, ID 83720-0074	PO Box 9906
	Boise, ID 83707
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Boise, ID 83702-5918	

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 Grouse Point at the e-mail address listed above.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company may file reply comments, if necessary, **no later than August 31, 2017.**

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.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application and supporting workpapers have been filed with the Commission and are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission offices. The Application is 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 the type of "Open 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 and specifically *Idaho Code* §§ 61-501, 61-502, 61-507, 61-520, 61-521, 61-523, and 61-622. The Commission may enter any final Order consistent with its authority under Title 61.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission will convene a public workshop. The public workshop will commence at **7:00 P.M. ON JULY 20, 2017, AT KUNA CITY HALL, 751 WEST 4TH STREET, KUNA, IDAHO.** At the workshop, the Commission Staff will summarize the Company's Application and answer questions about it. The Staff will not take any position on the merits of the Company's Application, however, because Staff will still be evaluating it when the workshop occurs. After the workshop, the Commission Staff will file written comments or testimony to address the merits of the case. Staff will have taken into consideration any concerns that may have been raised at the workshop when preparing these remarks.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the above-referenced schedule is adopted, 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 August, 17, 2017, and reply comments, if any, may be filed no later than August 31, 2017.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Staff organize and conduct a public workshop consistent with this order.


DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 30th day of June 2017.



PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT



KRISTINE RAPER, COMMISSIONER



ERIC ANDERSON, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:



Diane M. Hanian
Commission Secretary

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