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Teton County homeowners association seeks to operate small water company

Case No. PKS-W-15-01, Order No. 33525
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BOISE (May 20, 2016) – A Teton County homeowners association is seeking approval from the Idaho Public Utilities Commission to own and operate a previously privately owned and regulated water corporation.

The 35 residential customers of Packsaddle Estates Water Corporation have formed Packsaddle Water Systems, Inc. and seek to operate the water company as a publicly operated utility which would remove it from Idaho PUC jurisdiction. Matters such as rates and customer service issues would be determined by the homeowners association.

The homeowners association is a mutual, non-profit organization represented by board members in a "democratically run corporation," according to the application. Homeowners association members say they were approached about taking over the company by the owner who was experiencing health-related issues.

The homeowners association claims that all of the fees collected from subdivision customers will be used for the operation and maintenance of the water system. The association said it has access to individuals who will ensure that the water system will comply with state Department of Environmental Quality requirements.

The treasurer of the homeowners association is Robert Vostrejs of Driggs.

The commission is taking public comment on the application through June 9. Comments are accepted by accessing the commission's Website at www.puc.idaho.gov and clicking on "Case Comment Form," under the "Consumers" heading. Fill in the case number (PKS-W-15-01) and enter your comments. Comments can also be mailed to P.O. Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0074 or faxed to (208) 334-3762.

The application and other documents related to this case are available on the commission's Website. Click on "Open Cases" under the "Water" heading and scroll down to the case number above.