BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

INVESTIGATION INTO DALE RAINEY)	CASE NO. GNR-G-25-01
DESIGN GROUP, OWNER OF A HOUSING)	
DEVELOPMENT AND UNDERGROUND)	NOTICE OF INVESTIGATION
PIPELINE SYSTEM)	
)	ORDER NO. 36497
)	

Dale Rainey Design Group, also known as the owner of the Old Mill Development ("Company") in Old Town, Idaho is alleged to have installed a new underground pipeline system for a new housing development near Priest River, Idaho. The Company is not a utility; is not currently regulated by the Idaho Public Utilities Commission ("Commission"); and does not currently possess a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN").

At the Commission's March 4, 2025, Decision Meeting, Commission Staff ("Staff") presented a decision memorandum recommending the Commission open a docket to formally investigate whether the Company is operating an underground pipeline system that would be subject to the Commission's Pipeline Safety requirements.

COMMISSION FINDINGS AND DECISION

Considering the uncertainty surrounding the Company's regulatory status, the Commission finds it reasonable to investigate the Company pursuant to its statutory authority and jurisdiction under the Idaho Public Utilities Law. *Idaho Code* § 61-501 *et seq*. The purpose of this investigation is to determine whether the Company should be subject to the Commission's regulatory authority under Idaho Code including whether the Company is operating an underground pipeline system that would be subject to the Commission's Pipeline Safety requirements, and any related issues.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Staff shall investigate the status of the Company, and Staff shall file written comments making recommendations to the Commission for any further action that may be necessary. Staff may issue production requests, written interrogatories or other forms of discovery and pursue its statutory right to examine and audit the records of the Company.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Company shall cooperate with Staff's investigation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that parties comply with Order No. 35375, issued April 21, 2022. Generally, all pleadings should be filed with the Commission electronically and will be deemed timely filed when received by the Commission Secretary. *See* Rule 14.02. Service between parties should continue to be accomplished electronically when possible. However, voluminous discovery-related documents may be filed and served on CD-ROM or a USB flash drive.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 12th day of March 2025.

EDWARD LODGE, PRESIDENT

JOHN R. HAMMOND JR., COMMISSIONER

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ATTEST:

Monica Barrios-Sarche Commission Secretary

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