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NEWS RELEASE: Commission schedules customer hearing to take testimony on application from water utility to provide service in northern Idaho, increase rates.

**BOISE** (June 6, 2024) – The Idaho Public Utilities Commission will host a customer hearing on June 24 to take testimony on an application from VP Inc. to provide water service in the Sandpoint, Idaho, area and increase rates.

The commission directed VP Inc. to apply for a certificate of public convenience and necessity after finding it was a water corporation subject to the commission's regulation as a public utility. VP Inc. is also asking for approval from the commission to increase its rates and charges for water service to \$55.00 per month.

The commission will hold a customer hearing on Monday, June 24, at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time to take testimony for the record from customers and the public. The hearing will be held at the Sandpoint Community Hall, 204 S. 1<sup>st</sup> Ave., in Sandpoint. In-person attendance is required to submit testimony. Those interested in listening to the hearing without attending in-person can call 1-415-655-0001 and enter meeting number 2632 107 9402 when prompted.

Additional information on VP Inc.'s application is available at puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/7241.