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NEWS RELEASE: Commission schedules customer hearings to take testimony on northern Idaho water utility proposed rate increase.

BOISE (Sept. 17, 2024) – The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has scheduled two customer hearings in October to take testimony on an application from CDS Stoneridge Utilities, LLC to increase the rates and charges for providing water to customers.

The utility serves approximately 384 residential and commercial customers in the Blanchard, Idaho, area. The utility said it has invested more than \$900,000 in its system since 2018. To recover the investment, the utility is asking for commission approval to increase rates for customers by an average of 261 percent.

Testimony submitted at the customer hearings will become part of the record.

The first customer hearing will be held Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2024, starting at 5:00 p.m. (PDT) and ending at 8:00 p.m. (PDT) or after all customer testimony has been taken, whichever comes first. The hearing will be held at the Blanchard Community Center, 685 Rusho Lane, Blanchard, Idaho, 83804. In-person attendance is required to submit testimony. Those interested in listening to the hearing over the phone can do so by calling 1-415-655-0001 and enter meeting number 2632 798 5543 when prompted.

The second hearing will be Thursday, Oct. 10, 2024, starting at 10:00 a.m. (PDT) and ending at 1:00 p.m. (PDT) or after all customer testimony has been received, whichever comes first. The hearing will also be held at the Blanchard Community Center, 685 Rusho Lane, Blanchard, Idaho, 83804. In-person attendance is required to submit testimony. Those interested in listening to the hearing over the phone can do so by calling 1-415-655-0001 and enter meeting number 2634 555 0776 when prompted.

The commission is accepting written comments on the utility's application until Oct. 2, 2024. Comments are required to be filed through the commission's website or by e-mail unless computer access is not available. To submit comments using the commission website, please

visit puc.idaho.gov and click on the "Case Comment Form" link on the upper left side of the page. Please use case number SWS-W-24-01 when filling out the form. The commenter should also include their name and address. If using e-mail, comments are required to be sent to the commission secretary, CDS Stoneridge and the other parties at the e-mail addresses listed below. Commenters should include their name, address and case number SWS-W-24-01. If computer access is not available, comments can be mailed to the commission, CDS Stoneridge and the other parties at the addresses listed below. Those submitting comments through the mail are required to include their name, address and case number SWS-W-24-01.

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Additional information on CDS Stoneridge's application is available at: puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/7277.