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NEWS RELEASE: Workshop, customer hearing scheduled on northern Idaho water utility's application to increase rates.

BOISE (April 17, 2025) – The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has scheduled a workshop and customer hearing for a northern Idaho water utility's application to increase rates.

Gem State Water Company, LLC is seeking commission approval to increase rates between 53 and 79 percent. The utility has six systems that serve customers. The average customer receiving water from a 1-inch meter would see their monthly bill increase between \$21.65 and \$27.65, depending on which system is serving them.

The commission can approve, deny or modify the utility's application.

Commission staff will host a workshop to share information on the utility's application and answer questions. It will be held on Thursday, May 1, from 6:00 p.m. (PDT) to 8:00 p.m. at the Athol Community Center, 30355 3rd St., Athol, ID 83501.

The commission will hold a customer hearing on Wednesday, June 18, to take testimony for the record. The hearing will be held at the Athol Community Center, 30355 3rd St., Athol, ID 83501. It will begin at 4:00 p.m. (PDT) and conclude at 7:00 p.m. or after all customer testimony has been taken, whichever comes first. In-person attendance is required to submit testimony, and those planning to do so are encouraged to arrive by 3:45 p.m. as the hearing will conclude after all testimony has been received.

Those interested in listening to the hearing remotely can do so by calling 1-415-655-0001 and entering meeting number 2862 600 6643 when prompted.

The commission is accepting written comments that will become part of the record until Friday, June 13. Comments are required to be filed through the commission's website or by e-mail unless computer access is not available. To comment electronically, 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 GSW-W-24-01 when filling out the form. To comment using e-mail, please send comments to the e-mail addresses listed below and include case number GSW-W-24-01. Commenters are required to include their name and address. If computer access is not available, comments can be mailed to the commission secretary and Gem State Water at the addresses listed below. Commenters are required to include case number GSW-W-24-01 in their correspondence, as well as their name and address.

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Additional information on the utility's application is available at:
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