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NEWS RELEASE: Commission schedules online workshop, customer hearing and written comments deadline for northern Idaho water utility's application to increase rates.

BOISE (June 17, 2025) – The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has scheduled an online workshop, customer hearing and written comments deadline for an application submitted by Valiant Idaho, Inc. to increase the rates it charges to provide water service.

The utility is seeking commission approval to increase the monthly charge for lots with finished homes from \$45.00 to \$150.00. The rate for lots without finished homes on them would stay at the monthly rate of \$45.00. There is no metered rate. Valiant Idaho is also seeking approval to charge 1 cent per gallon for all consumption in excess of 7,500 gallons per month.

Valiant Idaho said the rate change is needed due to increased operating costs and necessary investments made to the utility's system. The utility said the increase also would help ensure the water system remains solvent and can meet annual obligations while providing a reasonable rate of financial return.

The commission can approve, deny or modify the application.

The workshop will be held Thursday, July 10, at 5:30 p.m. (PDT). Commission staff will present an overview of the utility's application and answer questions. To participate online, please visit idahogov.webex.com and enter meeting number 2861 693 3809. Then, click on the green "Join" button. At the next window, please enter this password: Valiant. Next, please click on the green "Join Webinar" button. At the next window, please enter your name, e-mail address and then click on the "Next" button. Then click on the green "Join Webinar" button.

To participate over the phone, please call 1-415-655-0001 and enter meeting number 2861 693 3809 when prompted.

A customer hearing will be held on Thursday, Aug. 14, to take testimony for the record. 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. The hearing will be at the James E. Russell Community Room,

2016 Pine St., Sandpoint, ID 83864 (the James E. Russell Sports Center). Those planning to testify are encouraged to arrive by 3:45 p.m. as the hearing will conclude when it appears all customer testimony has been received.

Those interested in listening to the hearing remotely can call 1-415-655-0001 and enter meeting number 2862 375 2996 when prompted. In-person attendance is required to submit testimony.

The commission is accepting written comments on the application until Wednesday, Aug. 6. Comments are required to be filed through the commission 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 VID-W-25-02 when filling out the form. To comment using e-mail, please send comments to the e-mail addresses listed below and include case number VID-W-25-02. Commenters are required to include their name and address. If computer access is not available, comments can be mailed to the commission secretary and Valiant Idaho at the addresses listed below. Commenters are required to include case number VID-W-25-02, as well as their name and address.

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Additional information on the utility's application is available at: puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/7509.