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NEWS RELEASE: Commission approves water utility's application to become regulated.

BOISE (Oct. 15, 2025) – The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) that will give a northern Idaho water utility the authority to provide service to customers.

Bear Claw Water System, LLC serves customers in the Bear Claw Subdivision in Bonner County. It is a corporation operating and managing a water system for compensation in Idaho and is, therefore, a public utility subject to the Commission's regulation under Idaho code.

Bear Claw Water System will be required to adopt the Commission's Uniform Customer Relations Rules (UCRR) and Utility Customer Information Rules. The UCRR requires the utility to submit certain documents for Commission review and approval. The documents include a tariff, various customer notices and an annual rules summary.

The Commission directed the utility to maintain the current rates it charges customers to provide service. A separate case will be opened to evaluate if the interim rates are fair, just and reasonable.

Additional information is available at: puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/7576.