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PUBLIC WORKSHOP

Capitol Water

Request for Increases to Water Rates

Case No. CAP-W-24-01

IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

July 10, 2024



Introduction

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Purpose of a Public Workshop

Informational session to learn about the case

- Describe the role of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission
- Present Capitol Water's Application
- Explain Staff's role in the case
- Staff will:
 - Provide guidance on how to submit public comments
 - Answer any questions regarding the case

*** This Public Workshop is not part of the official case record**

What is the Idaho Public Utilities Commission?



- Established in 1913. Idaho Code Sections 61 and 62
- **Regulates Idaho's investor-owned utilities, ensuring *adequate service* and *reasonable rates***
- Comprised of three Commissioners appointed by the Governor. The Commissioners make the decisions in each case
- Staff members include Auditors, Engineers, Technical Analysts, Compliance Investigators and Administration
- Staff is conducting this workshop, a party to the case, and will provide comments to the Commissioners

State Law Requires that the Commission

Consider evidence that is on the record

- The Company's Application
- Comments from Staff & Other Parties
- Customers' written comments or oral testimony at customer hearings

Allow utility companies to:

- Recover prudently incurred expenses necessary to provide service to customers
- Earn a reasonable rate of return on investments the Company makes to provide service to customers

State Law Requires that Utility Companies

Serve every customer in their assigned territory

- Customers do not have a choice of a different utility company.
 - For this reason, customers cannot be unjustly denied service by utility companies

Meet the statutory public interest standard, ensuring customers have:

- Adequate, safe, and reliable service
- Fair and reasonable rates approved by the Commission



Background & Application



Schedule



Event	Date	Location
Case Filed	March 1, 2024	
Public Workshop	Today (July 10, 2024)	Virtual
Staff & Intervenor Comments	August 21, 2024	
Public Comments	File Now	
Customer Hearing	August 22, 2024 @ 5 PM MDT	Idaho Public Utilities Commission (11331 W. Chinden Blvd., Suite 201-A Boise, ID)
Company Reply Deadline	September 4, 2024	
Close of Case	Final Order	

Background

CAP-W-08-02 (2008) –Request for an increase to water rates

- Company requested an increase of 7.8%
- Company was authorized an increase of 4.3%

Purchased Power Cost Adjustment (Every Year)

- Allows the Company to collect actual water pumping costs
- Can be highly variable
 - Sometimes rate goes up, sometimes rate goes down

Application

- Requested an increase of 24.6%
 - Recover through a monthly service charge of \$5.12 for all customers
- Staff and other parties are reviewing the request
 - Recommendations will be made to the Commissioners
- Commissioners decide what the actual change in rates will be
 - Factors they consider:
 - Company request and analysis provided
 - Staff and intervenor recommendations and analysis provided
 - Customer comments and testimony

Drivers of Request

Increased expense since 2008 rate case

- Employee Wages
- Chemical Costs

Additions to Plant

- Well Cleaning and Rehab
- New Vehicle
- Safety Fencing
- Accounting and Billing Software

***This is not a comprehensive list**



Revenue Requirement

Why is Revenue Requirement Important?

Establishes revenue to allow the Company to continue operations

- Maintain a safe and reliable system for customers
- Recover all prudently incurred expenses
- Earn a reasonable return on water system investments

Without enough revenue the Company may not be able to:

- Cover the cost of everyday expenses
- Make necessary additions and maintain the system
- Reliability and safety of the water system could suffer

Components

Operating Expenses

- Wages, office supplies, contracted services, etc.

Taxes

- State and Federal taxes

Plant in Service

- Infrastructure used to provide service (Pipes,

Depreciation Expense

- Yearly return of Plant in Service used to provide service

Rate of Return

- Return on plant investments made by the Company

***The components above establish the total revenue requirement**



Consumer Assistance

Consumer Assistance

Utility Compliance Investigators:

- Assist customers to resolve issues and/or disputes with the Company
- Monitor compliance with Laws, Commission Rules, and the Company's Tariff

In a rate case, Investigators:

- Review issues from previous cases
- Review previous complaints
- Review submitted comments from customers
- Investigate consumer issues raised in the case

Consumer Issues

As of this week

- Three customer comments received
 - Two- Safe and Reliable service
 - One- Against the rate increase

Customer Comments

Customer written comments are due prior to the Commission closing the record on the case (Reference Case Number **CAP-W-24-01**)

Internet Website Address – puc.idaho.gov

- **Select** - Case Comment Form (once comments are submitted, they become part of public record)

Email: secretary@puc.idaho.gov

Mail – IPUC, PO Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0074

Fax: 208-334-3762

Customer hearing is **Thursday, August 22, 2024 @ 5 pm MDT**

- **Customer comments only. Questions will not be addressed**

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Consumers

Consumer Complaint / Inquiry Form
Frequently Asked Questions
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- IPUC 2023 Annual Report
- Idaho Power Company On-Site Generation Compensation Case Virtual Public Workshop Presentation
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Comments Form Page

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Use this form to **file a comment or ask a question about a utility case** pending before the Commission. If you know the case number, please include it.

Submit electronically below or send in to:

Idaho Public Utilities Commission
P O Box 83720
Boise, Idaho 83720-0074
FAX: (208) 334-3762

Use the [Consumer Complaint / Inquiry Form](#) if you need help resolving a problem with a utility or have a question about your bill, disconnection of service, service reliability and outages, cost of a line extension, customer service, or other issues that are not related to a utility case.

Case Comment Form
Use this form to file a comment or ask a question about a case

Case Number:

First Name:

Last Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Daytime Phone:

Email:

Utility Company:

I acknowledge that submitting a comment in an open case constitutes a public record under Idaho Code § 74-101 (13) and all information provided by me on this form is available for public and media inspection. My comment may be reviewed by the utility.

Ask a question or state your comment.

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Water Company Information Packet

EPA Information

DEQ - Public Drinking Water Systems

NARUC Committee on Water

Approved Water Tariffs

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Commission Order No. 36000- Interest Rate on
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IPUC Open Water Cases

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CAP-W-24-01	CAPITOL WATER CORPORATION	CAPITOL WATER CORP -- GENERAL RATE CASE
DRY-W-24-01	DRY CREEK WATER COMPANY	DRY CREEK - INVESTIGATION INTO DRY CREEK WATER COMPANY, LLC, OWNER OF A WATER SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM
FLS-W-24-01	FALLS WATER COMPANY INC	FALLS WATER COMPANY -- APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF A REPLACEMENT WELL FOR ITS MORNING VIEW SYSTEM
GNR-W-17-01	GENERIC	INVESTIGATION OF VP, INC, AN UNREGULATED NORTHERN IDAHO WATER COMPANY
GNR-W-24-01	GENERIC	VALIANT IDAHO, INC AND TIC UTILITIES, LLC -- INVESTIGATION INTO VALIANT IDAHO, INC. AND TIC UTILITIES, LLC, OWNERS OF A NORTHERN IDAHO WATER SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM
ISL-W-23-01	ISLAND PARK WATER COMPANY	ISLAND PARK WATER--FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH IPUC REPORTING AND FISCAL REQUIREMENT
ISL-W-23-02	ISLAND PARK WATER COMPANY	ISLAND PARK WATER COMPANY -- IN THE MATTER OF THE INVESTIGATION OF VIOLATIONS OF THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES LAW
MSW-W-23-01	MAYFIELD SPRINGS WATER COMPANY, INC.	MAYFIELD SPRINGS WATER COMPANY -- FORMAL COMPLAINT OF ARROWROCK RANCH ASSOCIATION, INC
PTE-W-24-01	PONDEROSA TERRACE ESTATES WATER SYSTEM	PONDEROSA TERRACE ESTATES WATER SYSTEM -- CANCELATION OF CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY
SWC-W-23-01	SCHWEITZER WATER COMPANY	SCHWEITZER WATER COMPANY -- APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF ACQUISITION AND ISSUANCE OF A NEW CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY
SWI-W-24-01	SYRINGA WATER INC	SYRINGA -- APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE
SWS-W-23-02	CDS STONERIDGE UTILITIES LLC	CDS STONERIDGE UTILITIES LLC -- APPLICATION TO MAKE CHANGES TO SCHEDULE NO. 3
SWS-W-24-01	CDS STONERIDGE UTILITIES LLC	STONERIDGE UTILITIES, LLC -- GENERAL RATE CASE
VEO-W-23-04	VEOLIA WATER IDAHO INC.	VEOLIA WATER IDAHO, INC -- APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF FIRE HYDRANT CONVEYANCE, INSTALLATION, AND OPERATION AGREEMENT
VEO-W-23-05	VEOLIA WATER IDAHO INC.	VEOLIA WATER IDAHO, INC -- JOINT APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT OF VEOLIA WATER IDAHO CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY
VPI-W-24-01	VP Inc	VP INC -- APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

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Case Summary Page

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Last Updated	Case Number	Date Filed	Case Type	Status	Description
03/02/2024	CAP-W-24-01	03/01/2024	Rate	Notice Received	CAPITOL WATER CORP -- GENERAL RATE CASE

Case Files

03/01/2024 [APPLICATION.PDF](#)
03/01/2024 [EXHIBIT 1 INCOME STATEMENT.PDF](#)
03/01/2024 [EXHIBIT 2 SCHEDULE A PLANT IN SERVICE.PDF](#)
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05/21/2024 [NOTICE OF CUSTOMER HEARING ORDER NO 36187.PDF](#)



Public Comments

03/05/2024 [COMMENT 1.PDF](#)
03/18/2024 [COMMENTS 1.PDF](#)
07/01/2024 [COMMENT 1.PDF](#)

Where Do We Go From Here?

Customers can: subscribe to the Commission's RSS feed to receive updates about all cases via email

Reminder - deadline for customer comment is August 21, 2024.

Customer Hearing -Thursday, August 22, 2024, 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm MDT
at **Idaho Public Utilities Commission, 11331 W. Chinden Blvd.,
Building 8, Suite 201-A, Boise, ID**

- The Commission will issue a Final Order, which will close the case



You can find case information and file comments on the PUC website:

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Direct: (208) 334-0300

Toll-Free: (800) 432-0369

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