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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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**Public Information Officer** 

Auditor

Engineer

Utilities Compliance Investigator

## 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?

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- 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	



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 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**

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#### **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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#### News Updates

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## **Comments Form Page**



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#### **Case Comment or Question Form**

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:

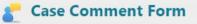
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Use the Consumer Complaint / Inquiry Form if you need help resolving a problem with a utility or have a question about your bill, disconnection of service, service reliability and outages, cost of a line extension, customer service, or other issues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

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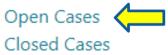
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## Water Page

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#### Resources

Water Company Information Packet EPA Information DEQ - Public Drinking Water Systems NARUC Committee on Water Approved Water Tariffs

#### **Orders & Notices**

Commission Order No. 36000- Interest Rate on Consumer Deposits Commission Order No. 36141 - Utilities Regulatory Fees

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aseNo	<u>Company</u>	Description
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AP-W-24-01	CAPITOL WATER CORPORATION	CAPITOL WATER CORP GENERAL RATE CASE
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LS-W-24-01	FALLS WATER COMPANY INC	FALLS WATER COMPANY APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF A REPLACEMENT WELL FOR ITS MORNING VIEW SYSTEM
NR-W-17-01	GENERIC	INVESTIGATION OF VP, INC, AN UNREGULATED NORTHERN IDAHO WATER COMPANY
INR-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
<u>SL-W-23-01</u>	ISLAND PARK WATER COMPANY	ISLAND PARK WATERFAILURE TO COMPLY WITH IPUC REPORTING AND FISCAL REQUIREMENT
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<u>WS-W-23-02</u>	CDS STONERIDGE UTILITIES LLC	CDS STONERIDGE UTILITIES LLC APPLICATION TO MAKE CHANGES TO SCHEDULE NO. 3
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EO-W-23-04	VEOLIA WATER IDAHO INC.	VEOLIA WATER IDAHO, INC APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF FIRE HYDRANT CONVEYANCE, INSTALLATION, AND OPERATION AGREEMENT
EO-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
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## **Case Summary Page**

#### Case Summary

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 File	es				
03/01/2024	APPLICATION	I.PDF			
03/01/2024	EXHIBIT 1 INC	COME STATI	EMENT.	PDF	
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#### **Orders & Notices**

03/22/2024	NOTICE OF APPLICATION ORDER NO 36118.PDF
04/30/2024	INTERVENTION ORDER NO 36167.PDF
05/01/2024	NOTICE OF PARTIES.PDF
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: <u>puc.idaho.gov</u>

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