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NEWS RELEASE: Commission will hold customer hearing to take testimony on water utility's application to increase rates.

BOISE (July 29, 2025) – The Idaho Public Utilities Commission will hold a customer hearing in mid-August to take testimony on a water utility's application to increase the rates it charges to offer water service.

Valiant Idaho, Inc. 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 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.

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