

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF ASPEN CREEK)	CASE NO. ASP-W-24-03
WATER CO., INC.’S APPLICATION TO)	
INCREASE ITS RATES AND CHARGES FOR)	NOTICE OF MODIFIED
WATER SERVICE IN THE STATE OF)	PROCEDURE
IDAHO)	
)	NOTICE OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC
)	WORKSHOP
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)	NOTICE OF CUSTOMER
)	HEARING
)	
)	ORDER NO. 36440

On August 26, 2024, Aspen Creek Water Co. Inc, (“Company”) applied for authority to increase its rates and non-recurring charges. The Company seeks to increase the rate for water service to \$134.00 per month. The Company included Exhibits 1-4 to support its Application. On September 4, 2024, the Company filed additional documents that are required for a rate case. The Company requested that new rates become effective May 1, 2025.

On September 13, 2024, the Commission issued Order No. 36324 noticing the Company’s Application and setting a period for interested persons to intervene. No one intervened.

We now issue this Notice of Modified Procedure, Notice of Virtual Public Workshop, and Notice of Customer Hearing, setting comment and reply deadlines and the times for a public workshop and a customer hearing.

BACKGROUND

The Company is a regulated water corporation serving 73 unmetered customers in the Aspen Creek Estates and Aspen Creek Meadows subdivisions in Fish Haven, Idaho in Bear Lake County. The Company rates have not changed since its tariff was first approved in 2002. The Company operates under certificate of public convenience and necessity (“CPCN”) No. 403. The Company currently has a case before the Commission seeking to amend its CPCN No. 403 by extending the boundary to allow it to serve an additional customer. See Case No. ASP-W-24-02.

NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Commission has determined that the public interest may not require a formal hearing in this matter, and that it will proceed under Modified Procedure pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Procedure 201-204, IDAPA 31.01.01.201-204. The Commission notes that Modified Procedure and written comments have proven to be an effective means for obtaining public input and participation.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that persons desiring to state a position in this case may file a written comment explaining why the person supports or opposes the Company's request. Persons who would like a hearing must specifically request a hearing in their written comments and explain why comments alone are insufficient. **Persons interested in filing written comments must do so by March 6, 2025.** Comments must be filed through the Commission's website or by e-mail unless computer access is unavailable. To comment electronically, please access the Commission's website at <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/>. Click the "Case Comment Form" and complete the form using the case number as it appears on the front of this document.

To file by e-mail, persons must e-mail the comments to the Commission Secretary and all parties at the e-mail addresses listed below. Persons submitting a comment by e-mail must provide their name, address, and the Case Number under which they are commenting. Persons submitting a comment by e-mail also acknowledge that submitting a comment in an open case constitutes a public record under *Idaho Code* § 74-101(13), and all information provided by such person is available for public and media inspection.

If computer access is unavailable, then comments may be mailed to the Commission and the Parties at the addresses below. Persons submitting a comment by mail must provide their name, address, and the Case Number under which they are commenting. Persons submitting a comment by mail also acknowledge that submitting a comment in an open case constitutes a public record under *Idaho Code* § 74-101(13), and all information provided by such person is available for public and media inspection.

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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company must file any reply comments **by March 27, 2025.**

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if no written comments or protests are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider this matter on its merits and enter its final order without a formal hearing. If written comments are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider them and, in its discretion, may set the same for formal hearing.

NOTICE OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC WORKSHOP

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Staff will hold a virtual public workshop on **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2025, from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. (local time)** or after all customers' questions have been answered, whichever comes first. The purpose of the workshop is to provide the public with an overview of the Company's Application and associated testimony. At the workshop, the public may ask Staff about the Application and associated testimony. Representatives of the Company may also be available. To participate telephonically, please call 1-415-655-0001, and enter meeting number 2631 117 9800 when prompted.

To participate online, please visit idahogov.webex.com, and enter meeting number 2631 117 9800 (no spaces between numbers). Then, click on the green "Join" button. At the next window, please enter this password: AspenCreek. Next, please click on the green "Join Webinar" button. At the next window, please enter your name and e-mail address, and then click on the "Next" button. Then click on the green "Join Webinar" button.

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NOTICE OF CUSTOMER HEARING

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission will conduct a customer hearing in this matter on **THURSDAY MARCH 13, 2025**, from **4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. (local time)**, or after all customer testimony has been taken, whichever comes first, **at St. Charles City Hall; 25 N. Main Street; St. Charles, ID 83272**. The purpose of the customer hearing is to take testimony from members of the public and customers of the Company. Those planning on testifying are encouraged to arrive at the hearing location by 3:45 P.M. (local time) as the hearing will conclude when it appears all customer testimony has been received. For those who wish to call-in and listen only, please call **1-415-655-0001** and enter meeting number **2867 532 7965** when prompted (customers will not be allowed to testify telephonically).

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that any person needing special accommodations to participate in the hearings and workshop noticed in this Order should contact the Commission for assistance. The request for assistance must be received at least five (5) working days before the hearing by contacting the Commission Secretary at:

IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
PO BOX 83720
BOISE, ID 83720-0074
(208) 334-0338 (Telephone)
(208) 334-3762 (FAX)
secretary@puc.idaho.gov

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the record in this matter is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission's office. These documents are also available on the Commission's web site at www.puc.idaho.gov. Click on the "WATER" icon, select "Open Cases," and click on the case number as shown on the front of this document.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this matter will be conducted pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.000, *et seq.*

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Application be processed by Modified Procedure, Rules 201-204. Persons interested in filing written comments must do so by March 6, 2025. The Company must file any reply comments by March 27, 2025.

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Staff will hold a virtual, public, informational workshop on **February 26, 2025, from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. (local time)** or after all customers' questions have been answered, whichever comes first.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Commission will hold an in-person customer hearing on **March 13, 2025, from 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. (local time), or after all customer testimony has been taken, whichever comes first, at St. Charles City Hall; 25 N. Main Street; St. Charles, ID 83272.**

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that parties comply with Order No. 35375, issued April 21, 2022. Generally, all pleadings should be filed with the Commission electronically and will be deemed timely filed when received by the Commission Secretary. *See* Rule 14.02. Service between parties should continue to be accomplished electronically when possible. However, voluminous discovery-related documents may be filed and served on CD-ROM or a USB flash drive.

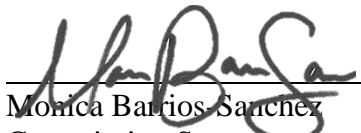
DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 9th day of January 2025.


ERIC ANDERSON, PRESIDENT


JOHN R. HAMMOND JR., COMMISSIONER


EDWARD LODGE, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:


Monica Barrios-Sanchez
Commission Secretary

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