

DECISION MEMORANDUM

**TO: COMMISSIONER ANDERSON
COMMISSIONER HAMMOND
COMMISSIONER LODGE
COMMISSION SECRETARY
LEGAL**

**FROM: LAURA CONILOGUE, COMMISSION STAFF
DAYN HARDIE, DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL**

DATE: JANUARY 2, 2024

**RE: IN THE MATTER OF ALGOMA WATER SYSTEMS' APPLICATION TO
INCREASE ITS RATES AND CHARGES FOR WATER SERVICE IN
THE STATE OF IDAHO; CASE NO. AWS-W-23-01.**

On March 7, 2023, Algoma Water System dba Algoma Water (“Company” or “Algoma”) applied to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) to increase its rates for its residential and commercial customers. The Company did not request an effective date in its Application. In a later filing, the Company requested a June 1, 2023, effective date. This was suspended for 30 days plus five months per Order No. 35766.

On November 29, 2023, the Commission issued Order No. 36012 establishing a monthly flat rate of \$54.00 to residential customers and \$89.00 to commercial customers which should generate an annual revenue requirement of \$19,596 based on a rate base of \$62,973.76 and a return on equity of 11 percent. The Commission directed the Company to submit a conforming tariff in compliance with the rates and charges within 15 days of the issuing order.

On December 4, 2023, the Company submitted its tariff reflecting the rates approved in Order No. 36012. Staff reviewed the Company’s tariff and discovered unintentional discrepancies in the wording. Staff worked with the Company to revise the tariff language. On December 22, 2023, the Company submitted its revised tariff reflecting the rates approved in Order No. 36012. Staff reviewed the Company’s revised tariff and confirmed they conform to Order No. 36012.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Commission approve the revised tariff submitted by the Company on December 22, 2023, with an effective date of December 1, 2023, consistent with Order No. 36012.

COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission wish to approve the tariff submitted by the Company on December 22, 2023, with an effective date of December 1, 2023, consistent with Order No. 36012?

/s/ Laura Conilogue
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Commission Staff

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