

**BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**IN THE MATTER OF CAPITOL WATER ) CASE NO. CAP-W-20-01**  
**CORP.'S APPLICATION TO DECREASE ITS )**  
**PURCHASED POWER COST ADJUSTMENT ) NOTICE OF APPLICATION**  
**RATE )**  
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**) NOTICE OF**  
**) MODIFIED PROCEDURE**  
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**) NOTICE OF SUSPENSION OF**  
**) PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE**  
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**) ORDER NO. 34748**  
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On July 15, 2020, Capitol Water Corp. (“Capitol Water”) applied for authorization to *decrease* its Schedule No. 3, Purchased Power Cost Adjustment (“PPCA”) rate, from 2.93% to 2.06%. Capitol Water proposes an effective date of August 17, 2020.

The Commission now issues this notice of Capitol Water’s Application, notice of Modified Procedure, and suspends Capitol Water’s proposed effective date for its tariff, under *Idaho Code* § 61-622(4).

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that Capitol Water states its “current base rates were established by Order No. 30762 in Case No. CAP-W-08-02.” Application at 1. Capitol Water asserts that in Order No. 30762 “the Commission adopted a three (3) year average of 1,454,401 kWh of electricity consumption [by Capitol Water] at an average cost of 5.19¢, to establish rates for Applicant.” *Id.* Capitol Water asserts this results in Capitol Water incurring a total electric power cost of \$75,483.41. *Id.*

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Capitol Water asserts that in Case No. CAP-W-17-01 “the Commission adopted...the most recent twelve months of power costs as a more efficient method for Capitol Water to recover its increased electric power costs.” *Id.*; *see also* Order No. 33876.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Capitol Water requests a decrease in its PPCA rate. Application at 1. Specifically, Capitol Water claims the actual electric power supply cost it incurred in 2019 was \$88,888.00 which is \$13,405.00 more than what is embedded in the

Company's base rates. *Id.*; *see also* Exhibit 1 to the Application. By comparison, Capitol Water's actual electric power supply cost in 2018 was \$94,571.00. Order No. 34445 at 2. Therefore, Capitol Water's actual electric power supply cost was less in 2019 than 2018.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Capitol Water requests its PPCA rate be reduced from 2.93%<sup>1</sup> to 2.06%. Application at 1.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Capitol Water included a worksheet with the Application detailing its electric power cost calculations, a copy of the proposed Schedule No. 3 in legislative format, and a copy of a direct customer notice and a news release that will be printed in the Idaho Statesman and Idaho Business Review. *Id.* at 1-2.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Capitol Water requests the Commission process its Application by Modified Procedure, and that the proposed changes take effect as of August 17, 2020. *Id.* at 2.

#### **NOTICE OF SUSPENSION OF PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE**

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission lacks sufficient time to thoroughly investigate the reasonableness of the proposed changes in rates and charges before those changes would take effect on the proposed effective date of August 17, 2020. Consequently, the Commission finds it appropriate to suspend Capitol Water's proposed effective date of August 17, 2020 for thirty (30) days and five (5) months, or until the Commission issues an earlier Order accepting, rejecting, or modifying Capitol Water's Application. *See Idaho Code* § 61-622(4).

#### **NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE**

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has determined that the public interest may not require a formal hearing in this matter and will proceed under Modified Procedure pursuant to Rules 201 through 204 of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201 through .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 on this Application may file a written comment explaining why the person supports or opposes the Application. Persons who would like a hearing must specifically request a hearing in their written comments. **Persons shall have until August 27, 2020 to file written comments.** Comments must

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<sup>1</sup> Capitol Water's current PPCA rate was authorized by Commission Order No. 34445.

be filed by e-mail unless e-mail is unavailable. To comment by e-mail, please access the Commission's home page at [www.puc.idaho.gov](http://www.puc.idaho.gov). Click the "Consumers" tab and then "Case Comment Form" and complete the form using the case number as it appears on the front of this document. Comments filed by e-mail must also be e-mailed to Capitol Water at the e-mail address listed below. If e-mail is unavailable, then comments may be mailed to the Commission and Capitol Water at these addresses:

**For the Idaho Public Utilities  
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Idaho Public Utilities Commission  
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**YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Capitol Water must file any reply comments by September 3, 2020.**

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 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.

**ORDER**


IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Capitol Water's Application be processed by Modified Procedure, Rule 201-204 (IDAPA 31.01.01.201-.204). Persons interested in submitting written comments must do so by August 27, 2020. Capitol Water must file any reply comments by September 3, 2020.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the August 17, 2020, effective date Capitol Water proposed for its rate increase is suspended for 30 days and five months, or until the Commission issues an earlier Order accepting, rejecting, or modifying the Application.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that parties continue to comply with Order No. 34602, issued March 17, 2020. All pleadings should be filed with the Commission electronically and shall be deemed timely filed when received by the Commission Secretary. *See* Rule 14.02. Service

between parties should also be accomplished electronically. 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 6<sup>th</sup> day of August 2020.

  
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PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

  
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KRISTINE RAPER, COMMISSIONER

  
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ERIC ANDERSON, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

  
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Jan Noriyuki  
Commission Secretary

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