

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF CAPITOL WATER) CASE NO. CAP-W-23-01
CORPORATION’S APPLICATION TO)
CHANGE ITS SCHEDULE NO. 3) NOTICE OF APPLICATION
PURCHASED POWER COST ADJUSTMENT)
RATE) NOTICE OF MODIFIED
) PROCEDURE
)
) ORDER NO. 35938

On September 1, 2023, Capitol Water Corporation (“Company”) applied for authority to change its Schedule No. 3 - Purchased Power Cost Adjustment (“Schedule No. 3 PPCA”) rate to recover the electricity costs that exceeded what it collected through rates. The Company requested its Application be processed by Modified Procedure and that the tariff changes become effective November 15, 2022.

The Commission now issues this Notice of Application and Notice of Modified Procedure establishing deadlines for interested parties to comment, and the Company’s reply.

BACKGROUND

The Company’s Schedule No. 3 PPCA rate provides a mechanism for the Company to recover its cost of electricity purchased from Idaho Power Company. The Commission approved the Company’s current base rates in 2009 in Order No. 30762 in Case No. CAP-W-08-02. At that time, a three-year average of 1,454,401 kilowatt hours (“kWh”) of consumption was established. The average cost to the Company was 5.19¢ per kWh for a total cost of \$75,483.41. The Commission later replaced the three-year model with an average that was based on the most recent twelve-month period available.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that, according to the Company, the actual power costs for calendar year 2022 were \$104,877—\$29,394 more than embedded in the Company’s base rates. It is also \$11,665 more than the current Schedule No. 3 rate of 2.72% was designed to recover. Based on its calculations, the Company seeks to increase the Schedule No. 3 PPCA rate from 2.72% to 4.51% to recover these additional power costs.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED the Company's Application includes attached supporting materials showing its proposed changes to Schedule No. 3 and the underlying data that the Company used in its calculations. The Company stated that its customers would be informed of the Application through a news release included in the bills that would be mailed out on October 1, 2023. The Company further stated the news release would be provided to the Idaho Statesman and the Idaho Business Review.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED the Company provided information about the general use and condition of its wells. The Company also provided certain follow-up information on Well No. 4—as Staff had previously requested information regarding Well No. 4's unexplained 25% increase in efficiency year-over-year.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application and supporting materials are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission's office. These documents are also available on the Commission's website at www.puc.idaho.gov. Click on the "WATER" tab, select "Open Cases," and then locate and click on the case number as shown on the front of this document.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this case will be held pursuant to the Commission's jurisdiction under Title 61 of the Idaho Code. The Commission may enter any final order consistent with its authority under Title 61.

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.*

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 it will review the case through written submissions under the Commission's Rules of Modified Procedure Rules 201-204 of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission's Rules of Procedure, 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 on this Application may file a written comment explaining why they support or oppose the Application. Persons who would like a hearing must specifically request a hearing in their written comments.

Persons shall have until October 25, 2023, to file written comments. 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 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, the customer must e-mail the comments to the Commission Secretary and the Company at the e-mail addresses listed below. If computer access is unavailable, then comments may be mailed to the Commission and Company at these addresses:

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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company must file any reply comments by **November 1, 2023.**

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 the Company’s Application be processed by Modified Procedure, Rules 201-204. Persons interested in submitting written comments must do so by October 25, 2023. The Company must file any reply comments by November 1, 2023.

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 28th day of September 2023.



ERIC ANDERSON, PRESIDENT

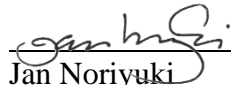


JOHN R. HAMMOND JR., COMMISSIONER



EDWARD LODGE, COMMISSIONER

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Jan Noriyuki
Commission Secretary

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