

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF CAPITOL) CASE NO. CAP-W-24-02
WATER CORPORATION'S)
APPLICATION TO CHANGE ITS) NOTICE OF APPLICATION
SCHEDULE NO. 3 PURCHASED)
POWER COST ADJUSTMENT RATE) NOTICE OF
) MODIFIED PROCEDURE
)
) ORDER NO. 36391
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On October 9, 2024, Capitol Water Corporation (“Company”) applied for authority to change its Schedule No. 3 - Purchased Power Cost Adjustment (“PPCA”) rate to recover the electricity costs that exceeded what it collected in rates (“Application”). The Company requested that the Application be processed by Modified Procedure and that the tariff changes become effective by December 1, 2024.¹

The Commission now sets deadlines for commenting on the Application.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Company stated that its base rates were approved in Commission Order No. 30762, which established power consumption at 1,454,401 kilowatt-hours with 5.19¢ average cost. This created a benchmark of \$75,483.41 “for determining the incremental cost of power used to calculate the PPCA rate.” Application at 1. While initially approving a three-year average, in Case No. CAP-W-17-01, the Commission later adopted twelve-month power costs. In 2023, actual costs reached \$102,919, exceeding the base rate by \$27,436 but falling \$1,957 below current PPCA recovery.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company stated that it intended to adjust its PPCA rate from 4.51% to 4.21%. However, with possible rate changes that may occur in December 2024 due to the Company’s general rate case, the Company (initially) requested implementing new PPCA rates simultaneously. The revised rate would divide the \$27,436 incremental costs by the

¹ Because a final order the Company’s pending general rate case (Case No. CAP-W-24-01) will provide information that is necessary for Staff’s analysis, Staff does not believe that a December 1, 2024, effective date is feasible. Staff communicated these concerns to the Company. Staff’s general timeline for comment deadlines was also discussed with the Company—who raised no objection. Therefore, the Company is no longer requesting that the final order in this case be issued on or about December 1, 2024.

new base revenue. Customer notification is planned for November 2024 through bills and newspaper releases.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company stated that its system operated seven wells. Well No. 1 remains on standby, and Well No. 2 is inoperative. Wells Nos. 3 and 6 serve summer needs, with Well No. 6 handling Aquifer Storage Recovery (“ASR”). Well Nos. 5 and 7 provided year-round service with Well No. 7 also serving as the source for the ASR well (Well No. 6). Well No. 4 maintains summer standby status and does not typically run during winter months. Daily monitoring ensured efficient operations.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application is 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” 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 case will be held pursuant to the Commission’s jurisdiction under Title 61 of the Idaho Code, and 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 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 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 and explain why written comments alone are insufficient. **Persons interested in filing written comments must do so by December 5, 2024.** 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 December 19, 2024.


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.

ORDER

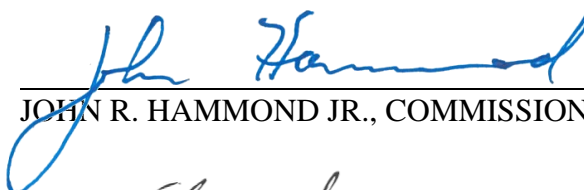
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Application be processed by Modified Procedure, Rules 201-204. Persons interested in filing written comments must do so by December 5, 2024. The Company must file any reply comments by December 19, 2024.

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 13th day of November 2024.



ERIC ANDERSON, PRESIDENT

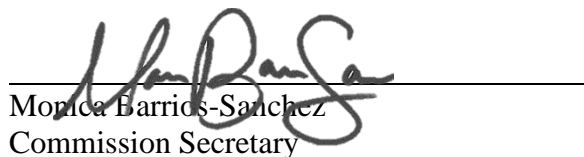


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