## **BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF COUNTRY CLUB HILLS UTILITIES FOR AUTHORITY TO INCREASE ITS RATES AND CHARGES FOR WATER SERVICE

CASE NO. CCH-W-12-01 NOTICE OF APPLICATION ORDER NO. 32518

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on March 22, 2012, Country Club Hills Utilities ("CCHU" or "Company") filed an Application requesting authority to increase its rates and charges for water service.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that CCHU states that it provides water service to 147 residential customers and 1 commercial customer in Bonneville County, Idaho. CCHU attached a map of the Company's service area showing the location of wells, reservoirs, transmission mains and distribution lines and a written legal description defining the boundaries of the service area.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company is seeking Commission authorization for an approximately 32% increase in its rates for water service.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Applicant made the following requests regarding rate design and structure:

- 1. Increase flat rate residential/commercial rates from \$17 per month to \$25 per month.
- 2. Increase metered residential/commercial rates from \$0.60 per 1,000 gallons for all consumption in excess of 30,000 gallons per month to \$0.60 per 1,000 gallons for all consumption in excess of 15,000 gallons to 25,000 gallons and \$0.70 per 1,000 gallons for all consumption in excess of 25,000.
- 3. Increase flat rate condo with no landscape from \$15.75 per month to \$23.75 per month.
- 4. Increase metered landscape rates for condos from \$20.00 per month to \$23.75 per month during the months of use. Increase metered landscape rates for condos from \$0.60 per 1,000 gallons for all consumption used in excess of 30,000 gallons per month to \$0.60 per 1,000 gallons for all consumption used in excess of 15,000 to 25,000 gallons and \$0.70 per 1,000 gallons for all consumption used in excess of 25,000 gallons.

- 5. Increase hookup fee from \$500 dollars to \$750 per hookup.
- 6. Increase reconnection fee from \$14 per reconnection during normal business hours and \$28 at all other times to \$50 per reconnection during normal business hours and all other times.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that CCHU's revenue requirement, and every component of it, both rate base and expense, are at issue. The Commission may grant, deny, or modify the revenue requirement requested and may find a revenue requirement different from that proposed by any party is just, fair and reasonable. IDAPA 31.01.01.124.01.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the rates and charges of all Idaho retail customers, both recurring and non-recurring, including those of any special contract customers are at issue, and every component of every existing and proposed rate and charge is at issue. The Commission may approve, reject or modify the rates and charges proposed and may find that rates and charges different from those proposed by any party are just, fair and reasonable. IDAPA 31.01.01.124.02.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission may approve, reject or modify existing or proposed relationships between and among rates and charges within, between or among customer classes or rate groupings and may approve, reject or modify existing or proposed relationships among and between customer classes or rate groupings. IDAPA 31.01.01.124.02.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission may abolish, reduce or create rate blocks or categories of rates and charges, abolish, create or reduce components of rates and charges, abolish, reduce or create customer classes or rate groupings, and abolish reduce or create absolute or relative differences among and between existing classes or rate groupings of customers. IDAPA 31.01.01.124.02.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the tariffs, practices, rules and regulations, service, instrumentalities, equipment, facilities, classifications, and customer relations of the utility are at issue and the Commission may address any of them in its order. IDAPA 31.01.01.124.02.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission Staff shall conduct an audit of the Company's Application, workpapers and all documents and files relevant to this matter. Following such audit, Staff shall present to the Commission its findings and recommendations. After reviewing Staff's audit and recommendations, the Commission will issue an Order regarding the further processing of this rate case.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Idaho Public Utilities Commission has jurisdiction over CCHU, its filing and the issues pertaining to this case pursuant to Title 61 of the Idaho Code and specifically *Idaho Code* §§ 61-502, 61-622 and 61-623.

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*.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that CCHU's filing can be viewed at <u>www.puc.idaho.gov</u> by clicking on "File Room" and "Water Cases," or it can be viewed during regular business hours at the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, 472 West Washington St, Boise, Idaho.

## **O R D E R**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Application of Country Club Hills Utilities for authority to increase its rates and charges for water service shall be suspended for a period of 30 days plus 5 months pursuant to the Commission's authority under *Idaho Code* § 61-622. The Commission will issue a subsequent Order delineating a public comment period regarding CCHU's Application once the Company has complied with the Customer Notice requirement referenced below.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Company shall, in accordance with Rule of Procedure 125, immediately file with the Commission a Customer Notice outlining the details of its Application requesting a rate increase. The Company shall distribute this Customer Notice to all of its current customers. DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this  $/2^{th}$  day of April 2012.

PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

MACK A. REDFORD, COMMISSIONER

MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

Jean D. Jewell () Commission Secretary

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