## BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION	)	
OF DIAMOND BAR ESTATES WATER	) CASE NO. DIA-W-07-0	1
COMPANY FOR AN INCREASE IN RATES	)	
AND CHARGES FOR WATER SERVICE IN	) NOTICE OF	
THE STATE OF IDAHO	) PUBLIC WORKSHOP	
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On April 13, 2007, Diamond Bar Estates Water Company filed an Application to increase its rates for water service, its fees for installation of a meter, and implementation of a new customer connection charge. On April 25, 2007, the Commission authorized the use of Modified Procedure and issued a Notice of Application. Order No. 30311. The Commission also directed Staff to conduct a public workshop pursuant to Procedural Rule 125, IDAPA 31.01.01.125. *Id.* at 5.

According to the Company's Application it is seeking authority to: (1) increase the water rates it charges customers by approximately 87.44%; (2) increase the fees for the first-time installation of a meter to serve a new customer from \$200 to \$310; and (3) implement a new customer connection charge of either \$2,500 or \$5,500 where a service line to the property does not currently exist. According to the Company's Customer Notice it is proposing to increase the base monthly charge for the first 7,500 gallons of water from \$21.00 per month to \$50.00 per month. Additionally, the Company proposes to increase the charge for water usage in excess of 7,500 gallons per month from \$0.45 to \$0.52 per 1,000 gallons. The Company states that this increase is necessary so that it can recover its operating costs, and that it has been operating at a loss for a number of years. Diamond Bar Water provides service to approximately 43 customers.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a public workshop has been scheduled for JUNE 20, 2007, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE RATHDRUM SENIOR CENTER LOCATED AT 8037 WEST MONTANA STREET (CORNER OF MONTANA STREET AND HIGHWAY 41) RATHDRUM, IDAHO. The purpose of this public workshop will be for Staff to dispense information concerning the Company's Application, and to obtain input from the public prior to filing comments or testimony in this case. The Company's customers and any other interested members of the public are encouraged to attend.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the workshop in this matter will be conducted pursuant to the Rules of Procedure adopted by the Idaho Public Utilities Commission. IDAPA 31.01.01.000 *et seq*.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company's Application and exhibits have been filed with the Commission and are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission offices. The Application and exhibits are also available on the Commission's Website at <a href="https://www.puc.idaho.gov">www.puc.idaho.gov</a> by clicking on "File Room" and then "Water Cases."

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all workshops and hearings in this matter will be held in facilities meeting the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Persons needing the help of a sign language interpreter or other assistance in order to participate in or to understand testimony and argument at a public hearing may ask the Commission to provide a sign language interpreter or other assistance at the hearing. The request for assistance must be received at least five (5) working days before the hearing by contacting the Commission Secretary at:

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DATED at Boise, Idaho this

31 st

day of May 2007.

Jean D. Jewell

Commission Secretary

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