

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF FALLS WATER)	CASE NO. FLS-W-20-03
COMPANY’S APPLICATION FOR AN)	
ORDER AUTHORIZING INCREASES IN)	NOTICE OF MODIFIED
THE COMPANY’S RATES AND)	PROCEDURE
CHARGES FOR WATER SERVICE IN)	
THE STATE OF IDAHO)	NOTICE OF TELEPHONIC
)	PUBLIC HEARING
)	
)	ORDER NO. 34858

On June 30, 2020, Falls Water Company, Inc. (“Falls Water” or “Company”) filed an Application requesting authorization to raise the rates it charges for water service.

On July 16, 2020, the Commission issued a Notice of Application and Notice of Suspension of Proposed Effective Date. Order No. 34725. The Commission suspended the Company’s proposed effective date of August 15, 2020, for 30 days plus five months under Idaho Code § 61-622. *See Id.*

Now, the Commission sets comment deadlines and provides notice of a public hearing.

NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Commission has determined that the public interest may not require a technical hearing in this matter, and that it will proceed under Modified Procedure pursuant to Rules 201 through 204 of the 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 anyone desiring to state a position on this Application **must file a written comment in support or opposition with the Commission by January 11, 2020.** The written comment must contain a statement of reasons supporting it. Persons desiring a hearing must specifically request a hearing in their written comments. Written comments concerning this Application should be e-mailed to the Commission and Falls Water at the addresses reflected below. If e-mail is unavailable, written comments can be mailed to the addresses reflected below:

**For the Idaho Public Utilities
Commission:**

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Idaho Public Utilities Commission
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These comments should contain the case caption and case number shown on the first page of this document. Persons desiring to submit comments via e-mail may do so by accessing the Commission's home page located at www.puc.idaho.gov. Click the "Case Comment Form" and complete the comment form using the case number as it appears on the front of this document.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Falls Water must file any reply comments by January 25, 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 technical 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 a technical hearing.

NOTICE OF TELEPHONIC PUBLIC HEARING

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Commission's Rules of Modified Procedure contemplate that a case will be processed by written submissions without the need for a public hearing. However, the Commission finds good cause to schedule a public hearing in this case because the Company's proposal would raise customers' rates, if approved.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission will conduct a public telephonic hearing in this matter on **THURSDAY JANUARY 14, 2021 AT 6:00 P.M. MST.** The purpose of the public hearing is to take testimony from members of the public and customers

of Falls Water. To participate, interested persons can call **1-800-920-7487** shortly before the designated time, and enter the **confirmation code 667 4832#** when prompted.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the telephonic hearing will meet accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Persons needing the help of a sign language interpreter or other assistance in order to participate in or to understand testimony 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 working days before the hearing by contacting the Commission Secretary at:

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P.O. BOX 83720
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ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Falls 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 January 11, 2021. Falls Water must file any reply comments by January 25, 2021.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Commission will hold a telephonic public hearing on Thursday January 14, 2021 at 6:00 pm MST.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that parties should continue to comply with Order No. 34781, issued September 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.

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DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 4th day
of December, 2020.


PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT


KRISTINE RAPER, COMMISSIONER


ERIC ANDERSON, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:


Jan Noriyuki
Commission Secretary

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