



PUBLIC WORKSHOP

Falls Water Acquiring Morning View Water

Case No. FLS-W-20-04

IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

September 30, 2020



Workshop Participation

- Online:
 - To open chat in WebEx, please select the icon.
 - Type questions and comments in the chat box;
 - Please use the “all panelists” option when using chat to ensure your message will be seen.
 - To speak, click on the hand in the lower right corner by your name.



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- On the phone:
 - *3 is the command to raise and lower your hand;
 - When your line has been un-muted, you will hear an announcement indicating that.

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This workshop is being recorded

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- Mail letters to:
Idaho Public Utilities Commission
P.O. Box 83720
Boise, Idaho 83720-0074
- Email comments to: secretary@puc.idaho.gov
- Written comments can be filed electronically via the Commission website at: puc.idaho.gov. Look for the Case Comment Form under "Consumers" on the website.
 - Comment are limited to first 2,500 characters.
- Reference case number **FLS-W-20-04**.
- Comments are due by **OCTOBER 15, 2020**.



Introduction

Joseph Terry – Auditor

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Chris Hecht – Utilities Compliance Investigator

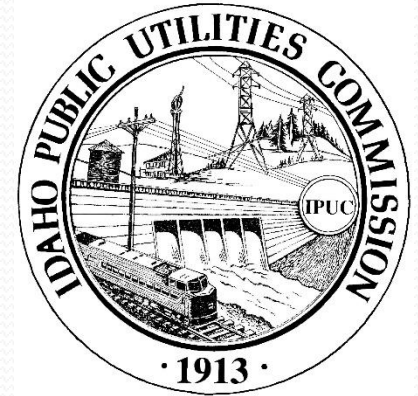
Matt Hunter – Deputy Attorney General

Adam Rush – Public Information Officer

Purpose of Public Workshop

- Summarize the application
- Describe the Commission and its procedure when deciding cases involving the sale of a regulated utility
- Receive input from customers
- Answer questions

What is the Idaho Public Utilities Commission?



- Established in 1913. Idaho Code Sections 61, 62, and 63.
- The Commission regulates Idaho's investor-owned utilities, ensuring adequate service and reasonable rates.
- The Commission is made up of three commissioners appointed by the Governor. The Commissioners make the decisions in each case.
- Commission Staff is made up of Auditors, Compliance Investigators, Engineers, and Technical Analysts.
- Commission Staff is conducting this workshop. Commission Staff is one of the parties in the case providing comments to the Commissioners.

What is the Commission's Role?



- State law requires that the Commission meet the statutory public interest standard that customers have adequate, safe and reliable service at fair, just and reasonable rates.
- All Commission decisions must withstand appeals to the State Supreme Court from either the utility or customer groups.



Falls Water Application

Falls Water Proposal

- Falls Water employees will assume operations
 - Tony Wise, Operations Manager
 - Scott Bruce, General Manager
- No change in rates at this time
- Additional prudently incurred capital expenditures will be treated as 100% equity
 - Until the company reaches 50%/50% debt and equity

Benefits of Falls Water Acquisition

- 24-hour response to repairs and quality issues
- Access to capital
 - Falls Water and its parent company NW Natural Water of Idaho have significant access to funds to support the system

Staff Analysis

- Section 61-328 has three criteria:
 - Public Interest
 - Bona fide intent and financial ability to run the system
 - Rates do not increase due to the transaction
- Note that this generally applies only to electric utilities, but Staff also uses this as a basis of the analysis for all utility acquisitions.



Consumer Assistance

Chris Hecht

Utilities Compliance Investigator

Consumer Assistance

- Utility Compliance Investigators assist customers to resolve issues and or disputes with the company.
- Investigators monitor compliance with laws, commission rules, and the company tariff.
- In every case, Staff reviews issues, reviews previous complaints, investigates consumer issues raised in the case, and reviews submitted comments from customers.

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- ### News Updates
- Idaho Power Co. Case No. IPC-E-18-15 - Net Metering, Final Order No. 34509
 - Idaho Power Net Metering Press Release
 - Morning View Water Co Public Workshop and Hearing
 - Access all documents related to Idaho Power case involving study of on-site generation or net metering
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Consumers

- Frequently Asked Questions
- Case Comment Form 
- Consumer Complaint / Inquiry Form

Energy Issues

Office of Energy and Mineral Resources

Agenda, Orders & Notices

- Commission Agenda
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Comments Webpage

The screenshot shows the Idaho Public Utilities Commission website. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links for Home, Cases, File Room, Laws & Rules, Consumers, Press Releases, About us, and Contact us. A search bar is also present. The main content area features a section titled "Case Comment or Question Form" with instructions on how to use the form. Below the instructions is a form with various input fields for user information and a "Send" button at the bottom.

Case Comment or Question Form

Use this form to file a comment or ask a question about a case pending before the Commission. If you know the case number, please include it.

Submit electronically below or send in to:

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P O Box 83720
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FAX: (208) 334-3762

Use the [Consumer Assistance Form](#) if you need help resolving a problem with a utility or have a question about your bill, disconnection of service, service reliability and outages, cost of a line extension, customer service, or other issues that are not related to a utility case.

Case Comment or Question Form

Case Number:

First Name:

Last Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Daytime Phone:

Email:

Utility Company:

I acknowledge that submitting a comment in an open case constitutes a public record under Idaho Code and all information provided by me on this form is available for public and media inspection. My comment may be reviewed by the utility.

Ask a question or state your complaint:

Telephonic Public Hearing

October 7, 2020

@ 6:00 pm

1-800-920-7487

Passcode 6674832#

Want to Testify?

- Encourage to notify Adam Rush:
 - Call 208-334-0339
 - Email: adam.rush@puc.idaho.gov
- **Include:**
 - Name
 - Telephone Number You Will Be Calling In On
 - FLS-W-20-04 Public Hearing
- **Deadline:**
 - October 7, 2020 by 4:00 p.m.



QUESTIONS?

You can find case information and file comments on the PUC website:

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Direct: (208) 334-0300

Toll-Free: (800) 432-0369