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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF FALLS WATER CO., INC. FOR APPROVAL OF ACQUISITION OF THE ASSETS OF MORNING VIEW WATER COMPANY Case No. FLS-W-20-04

FALLS WATER CO., INC.'S REPLY COMMENTS

Falls Water Co., Inc. ("Falls Water" or "Company) submits the following Reply Comments in response to Comments filed by the Idaho Public Utilities Commission Staff

("Staff").

Falls Water appreciates Commission Staff's diligence in reviewing the Application and the materials submitted in response to data requests, and in conducting the telephonic public hearings. In particular, Falls Water appreciates Staff's recognition that Morning View Water is a distressed small water utility, and that the proposed ratemaking treatment—treating prudently incurred investments as 100% equity until Morning View reaches a more reasonable capital structure, such as 50% debt and 50% equity treatment—is a reasonable method of making the acquisition economical.

In short, Falls Water agrees with, and intends to abide by, the recommendations provided by Staff in its comments.

# DATED: October 19, 2020.

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that on October 19, 2020, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served upon all parties of record in this proceeding via electronic mail as indicated below:

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