

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION) CASE NO. FLS-W-23-01
OF FALLS WATER CO., INC., FOR)
AUTHORITY TO INCREASE ITS RATES) NOTICE OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC
AND CHARGES FOR WATER SERVICE IN) WORKSHOP
THE STATE OF IDAHO)
) NOTICE OF MODIFIED
) PROCEDURE
)
) ORDER NO. 35872

On May 12, 2023, Falls Water Co., Inc., (“Falls Water” or “Company”) applied to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) for authorization to raise the rates it charges for water service. The Company filed a corrected Application on May 15, 2023 (“Application”). The Company requested an approximate 47.3 percent increase in revenue collected and a 7.71 percent rate of return. Application at 2. The Company requested a July 1, 2023, effective date. *Id.* at 4.

On June 5, 2023, the Commission issued a Notice of Application, Notice of Suspension of Proposed Effective Date, and Notice of Intervention Deadline. Order No. 35806. No one intervened.

After conferring with the Company, Staff proposed the Commission issue notice of a virtual customer workshop, and establish public comment and Company reply deadlines.

With this Order, the Commission issues notice of a virtual customer workshop, and establishes public comment and Company reply deadlines.

NOTICE OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC WORKSHOP

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that Staff will hold a virtual, public, informational workshop on **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2023, starting at 6:00 p.m. (MDT) and ending after all customer questions have been answered.** The purpose of the workshop is to provide the public with an overview of the Company’s Application. At the start of the workshop, Staff will present the Application. Following the presentation, the public may ask Staff questions about the Application. To participate over the phone, please call **1-415-655-0001 and enter meeting number 2630 606 3424 when prompted.** To participate online, please visit **idahogov.webex.com, and enter meeting number 2630 606 3424** (no spaces between numbers).

Then, click on the green “Join” button. At the next window, please enter your name, e-mail address and this password: **FallsWorkshop**. Next, please click on the green “Join Webinar” button.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that any person needing special accommodations to participate in the workshop noticed in this Order should contact the Commission for assistance. The request for assistance must be received at least five (5) working days before the hearing by contacting the Commission Secretary at:

IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
P.O. BOX 83720 BOISE, IDAHO 83720-0074
(208) 334-0338 (Telephone)
(208) 334-3762 (FAX)
E-Mail: secretary@puc.idaho.gov

NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has determined that the public interest may not require a formal hearing in this matter, and it will review the case through written submissions under the Commission’s Rules of Modified Procedure Rules 201-204 of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission’s Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201-204. 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 persons desiring to state a position on this Application may file a written comment explaining why they support or oppose the Application. Persons who would like a hearing must specifically request a hearing in their written comments. **Persons shall have until October 12, 2023, to file written comments.** Comments must be filed through the Commission’s website or by e-mail unless computer access is unavailable. To comment electronically, please access the Commission’s website at www.puc.idaho.gov. Click the “Case Comment Form” and complete the form using the case number as it appears on the front of this document. To file by e-mail, the customer must e-mail the comments to the Commission Secretary and the Company at the e-mail addresses listed below. If computer access is unavailable, then comments may be mailed to the Commission and Company at these addresses:

**For the Idaho Public Utilities
Commission:**

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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company must file any reply comments by **November 2, 2023**.

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 formal 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 formal hearing.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Staff shall conduct a workshop on **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2023, starting at 6:00 p.m. (MDT) and ending after all customer questions have been answered.**

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Company's Application be processed by Modified Procedure, Rules 201-204. Persons interested in submitting written comments must do so by **October 12, 2023**. The Company must file any reply comments by **November 2, 2023**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that parties comply with Order No. 35375, issued April 21, 2022. Generally, all pleadings should be filed with the Commission electronically and will be deemed timely filed when received by the Commission Secretary. Rule 14.02. Service between parties should continue to be accomplished electronically when possible. However, voluminous discovery-related documents may be filed and served on CD-ROM or a USB flash drive.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 2nd day of August, 2023.



ERIC ANDERSON, PRESIDENT

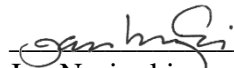


JOHN R. HAMMOND JR., COMMISSIONER



EDWARD LODGE, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:



Jan Noriyuki
Commission Secretary

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