

DECISION MEMORANDUM

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DATE: OCTOBER 24, 2023

SUBJECT: IN THE MATTER OF FALLS WATER CO., INC.'S APPLICATION FOR THE AUTHORITY TO INCREASE ITS RATES AND CHARGES FOR WATER SERVICE IN THE STATE OF IDAHO; CASE NO. FLS-W-23-01.

On May 12, 2023, Falls Water Co., Inc., (“Company”) applied to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) for authorization to raise the rates it charges for water service. The Company requests an approximate 44.3% increase in revenue collected and a 7.71% rate of return. The Company requested a July 1, 2023, effective date.

On June 5, 2023, the Commission issued a Notice of Application, Notice of Intervention Deadline, and suspended the Company’s proposed effective date for 30 days plus five months pursuant to *Idaho Code* § 61-622. Order No. 35806. No other party intervened.

On August 2, 2023, the Commission issued a Notice of Customer Workshop, and a Notice of Modified Procedure establishing an October 12, 2023, deadline for public comments and November 2, 2023, Company reply deadline. Order No. 35872.

On September 7, 2023, the Commission issued a Notice of Customer Hearing for October 23, 2023. Order No. 35914.

On October 13, 2023, the Commission issued a Notice of Amended Comment Deadline moving the public comment deadline to October 26, 2023. Order No 35960.

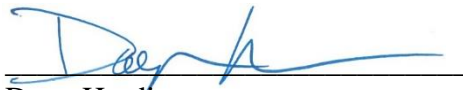
On October 20, 2023, the Commission issued a Notice of Vacated Customer Hearing and a Notice of Continued Suspension changing the suspended effective date until December 15, 2023. Order No. 35963.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

After conferring with the Company, Staff recommends the Commission vacate the October 26, 2023, public comment, and November 2, 2023, Company reply deadlines established by Order Nos. 35872 and 35960, to allow the parties time to file a proposed settlement agreement. Once the proposed settlement agreement is filed, Staff will recommend additional procedure.

COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission wish to issue an order vacating the public comment and Company reply deadlines established in Order Nos. 35872 and 35960?



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