

**BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

<b>IN THE MATTER OF GEM STATE WATER</b>	)	<b>CASE NO. GSW-W-22-01</b>
<b>COMPANY LLC’S APPLICATION FOR AN</b>	)	
<b>ORDER AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN</b>	)	<b>NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b>
<b>ITS RATES AND CHARGES FOR WATER</b>	)	
<b>SERVICE IN THE STATE OF IDAHO</b>	)	<b>NOTICE OF EXTENSION OF</b>
	)	<b>PUBLIC COMMENT DEADLINE</b>
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	)	<b>ORDER NO. 35635</b>
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On July 21, 2022, Gem State Water Company, LLC (“Company”) applied to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) for authorization to increase its rates and charges for water service. The Company requested its Application be processed by Modified Procedure and that any changes to its rates and charges be effective for bills rendered on or after September 1, 2022.

On September 6, 2022, the Commission issued a Notice of Application, a Notice of Intervention Deadline, and a Notice of Suspension of the Proposed Effective Date. Order No. 35498. There were no intervenors in this case. On October 6, 2022, the Commission issued a Notice of Modified Procedure. Order No. 35548.

On November 1, 2022, the Commission issued a Notice of Public Workshop setting a November 15, 2022, public workshop date. Order No. 35580

With this Order, the Commission provides a Notice of Public Customer Hearing and Notice of Extension of the Public Comment Deadline.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC CUSTOMER HEARING**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that there will be a public customer hearing on **Wednesday, January 18, 2023, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Pacific Time.** The public customer hearing will be held at the **Athol Community Center, 30355 3rd Street, Athol, Idaho, 83801**. Those attending the hearing in-person will have an opportunity to provide testimony. People may also listen to the live testimony and the proceedings at the hearing by calling **1-415-655-0001** and entering code **2467 617 1016**. However, persons will not be able to provide testimony by phone.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all hearings in this matter will be held in facilities meeting the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Persons  
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needing the help of a sign language interpreter or other assistance to participate in or to understand testimony and argument 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 (5) working days before the hearing by contacting the Commission Secretary at:

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

### **NOTICE OF EXTENSION OF PUBLIC COMMENT DEADLINE**

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has found written comments to be an effective method of participation. The Commission also acknowledges that there may be interested persons who are unable to testify at the public hearing. The Commission believes it fair, just, and reasonable for members of the public to have ample opportunity to provide input. As such, the Commission finds it to be in the public interest to extend the public comment deadline for members of the public.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that members of the public **may file a written comment with the Commission by no later than January 20, 2023**. 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 <http://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, persons 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 Commission:**

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### **ORDER**

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that members of the public shall have until **January 20, 2023**, to file written comments.

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. *See* 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of December 2022.



ERIC ANDERSON, PRESIDENT

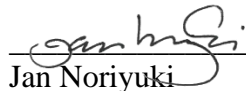


JOHN CHATBURN, COMMISSIONER



JOHN R. HAMMOND JR., COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:



Jan Noriyuki  
Commission Secretary

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