BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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IN THE MATTER OF GEM STATE WATER COMPANY LLC'S APPLICATION FOR AN ORDER AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN ITS RATES AND CHARGES FOR WATER SERVICE IN THE STATE OF IDAHO CASE NO. GSW-W-22-01

ORDER NO. 35788

On July 21, 2022, Gem State Water Company, LLC ("Company" or "Gem State") applied to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") for authorization to increase its rates and charges for water service.

On March 1, 2023, the Commission issued Order No. 35692 approving an annual revenue requirement for the Company of \$789,004 and a corresponding rate design. Order No. 35692 at 16, Attachment 2, "Gem State Water, Approved Rates." The Commission directed the Company to "submit tariffs in compliance with the rates and charges identified in this Order no later than fourteen (14) days from the service date of this Order"—that is, by March 15, 2023. Order No. 35692 at 16.

On March 13, 2023, the Company submitted a "Petition for Clarification or Reconsideration" ("Petition") explaining that "calculations related to taxes were not adjusted" in Order No. 35692. Petition at 1. As a result of this oversight, the Company explained that the Commission's approved revenue requirement was incorrectly calculated. *Id.* at 2.

On March 13, 2023, Staff and the Company filed a joint motion to Extend the Deadline to File Conforming Tariffs and for Procedural Relief ("Motion"), which the Commission granted on the record at its March 14, 2023, Decision Meeting. Order No. 35708.

On April 7, 2023, the Commission issued Order No. 35728 and corresponding Attachments, approving an authorized revenue requirement of \$834,870, including a rate design reflecting the revised revenue requirement. On April 12, 2023, the Company submitted revised tariffs reflecting the rates approved in Order No. 35728. Staff reviewed the Company's revised tariffs and confirmed they conform to Order No. 35728 and Attachments.

COMMISSION FINDINGS

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter and the issues in this case under Title 61 of the Idaho Code. Specifically, the Commission regulates "public utilities," including "water

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corporations" that serve the public or some portion thereof for compensation. *See Idaho Code* §§ 61-125, and-129. The Commission has the authority to ensure that rates are just and reasonable under *Idaho Code* §§ 61-301, -303, -501, -502, and -503.

Having reviewed the tariffs filed by the Company on April 12, 2023, we find the Company's tariffs comply with our directives in Order No. 35728.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Company's tariffs are approved as filed on April 12, 2023, and effective for service rendered as of March 1, 2023.

THIS IS A FINAL ORDER. Any person interested in this Order may petition for reconsideration within twenty-one (21) days of the service date of this Order regarding any matter decided in this Order. Within seven (7) days after any person has petitioned for reconsideration, any other person may cross-petition for reconsideration. *Idaho Code* § 61-626.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 24th day of May 2023.

ERIC ANDERSON, PRESIDENT

JOHN R. HAMMOND, JR., COMMISSIONER

EDWARD LODGE COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

Jan Noriyuki Commission Secretary

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