

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF MORNING VIEW) CASE NO. MNV-W-19-01
WATER COMPANY'S APPLICATION FOR)
AUTHORITY TO INCREASE ITS RATES) NOTICE OF MODIFIED
AND CHARGES FOR WATER SERVICE IN) PROCEDURE
IDAHO)
) NOTICE OF PUBLIC
) WORKSHOP
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) NOTICE OF PUBLIC
) HEARING
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) ORDER NO. 34491
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On June 5, 2019, Morning View Water Company (“Morning View” or “Company”) applied to increase its rates and charges for water service. The Company proposed a June 30, 2019 effective date. Morning View’s Application cited three reasons it needs a rate increase: 1) decreased water usage during the summer months, 2) an inadequate rate of return established in the Company’s previous rate case, and 3) unanticipated expenses—such as water testing and pipeline repairs—that were not considered in the previous rate case.

On June 27, 2019, the Commission issued a Notice of Application and set an intervention deadline. While noting that the Company’s Application did not comply with the Commission’s filing requirements, the Commission allowed the case to move forward. The Commission directed Staff to audit the Company and access all documents needed to determine the Company’s revenue requirement. The Commission also directed Staff to assist the Company to prepare a customer notice that complies with the Commission’s minimum requirements. Last, the Commission suspended the proposed effective date for the new rates for five months and 30 days, under *Idaho Code* § 61-622(4).

Staff has since worked with Morning View to collect information necessary to determine the Company’s revenue requirement. On November 12, 2019, Staff informed the Commission it believes it has sufficient information to recommend a revenue requirement for Morning View.

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The Commission now sets comment and reply deadlines, suspends the proposed effective date of new rates for an additional 60 days, and provides notice of a Public Workshop and Public Hearing.

NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Commission has determined that the public interest may not require a formal hearing in this matter, and that it will proceed under Modified Procedure pursuant to Rules 201 through 204 of the Commission’s Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201 through .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 any person desiring to state a position on this Application **may file a written comment in support or opposition with the Commission by December 18, 2019.** The comment must contain a statement of reasons supporting the comment. Persons desiring a hearing must specifically request a hearing in their written comments. Written comments concerning this Application shall be mailed to the Commission and the Company at the addresses reflected below:

**For the Idaho Public Utilities
Commission**

Commission Secretary
Idaho Public Utilities Commission
PO Box 83720
Boise, ID 83720-0074

Street Address for Express Mail:

11331 W. Chinden Blvd.
Building 8, Suite 201-A
Boise, Idaho 83714

For the Company:

Nolan Gneiting
Morning View Water Company
PO Box 598
Rigby, ID 83442
E-mail: morningviewwater@gmail.com

These comments should contain the case caption and case number shown on the first page of this document. Persons desiring to submit comments via e-mail may do so by accessing the Commission’s home page located at www.puc.idaho.gov. Click the “Consumers” tab then click the “Case Comment or Question Form” and complete the comment form using the case number as

it appears on the front of this document. The Commission will accept customer comments through January 8, 2020.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company must file any reply comments by **January 3, 2020**.

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.

SUSPENSION OF PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission suspended the Company's June 30, 2019 proposed effective date for new rates for five months and 30 days, under *Idaho Code* § 61-622(4). Order No. 34361. Under the same statute, the Commission may suspend the proposed effective date for an additional 60 days "after a showing of good cause on the record."

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission finds good cause in the record to suspend the proposed effective date for an additional 60 days. Specifically, the Company's Application did not provide proposed rates or any records from which to determine the Company's revenue requirement. Staff has only recently acquired sufficient information to begin calculating the Company's revenue requirement. With the current effective date—December 30, 2019—fast approaching, additional time is needed to give customers notice of, and the Commission time to deliberate on, the proposed rate increase.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the proposed effective date is suspended for an additional 60 days, until **February 28, 2020** or such time as the Commission enters a final order in this case approving a rate change with an earlier effective date.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Staff will hold a public informational workshop in Rigby, Idaho for customers taking water service from the Company on **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2020, AT 5:30 P.M. (MST) IN THE UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM (ANNEX) AT THE JEFFERSON COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 210 COURTHOUSE WAY, SUITE 240, RIGBY, IDAHO 83442.** The purpose of the workshop is

to provide customers with an overview of the Application and Staff's recommended rate change

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based on its calculation of the Company's revenue requirement. At the workshop, customers may ask Staff about the Application and Staff's recommended rate change and how customers may further participate in the proceeding. Company representatives will also be available.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission will convene an in-person public hearing for customers who receive water service from Morning View. The purpose of the public hearing is to take testimony from customers of Morning View about the Company's Application and Staff's recommended rate change. The public hearing will convene on **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2020, AT 7:00 P.M. (MST) IN THE UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM (ANNEX) AT THE JEFFERSON COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 210 COURTHOUSE WAY, SUITE 240, RIGBY, IDAHO 83442.**

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the workshop and hearing in this case will be held in facilities meeting the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Persons 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 workshop or hearings. 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

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this case will be held pursuant to the Commission's jurisdiction under Title 61 of the Idaho Code and that the Commission may enter any final Order consistent with its authority under Title 61.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this matter will be conducted pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.000 *et seq.*

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this case be processed under Modified Procedure. Person interested in submitting written comments must do so by December 18, 2019. The Company must file any reply comments by January 3, 2020.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the proposed effective date is suspended for an additional 60 days, until February 28, 2020 or such time as the Commission enters a final order in this case approving a rate change with an earlier effective date.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Commission Staff hold a public informational customer workshop in Rigby, Idaho on Wednesday, January 8, 2020, as noted above.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a public customer hearing be convened in Rigby, Idaho on Wednesday, January 8, 2020, as noted above.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this *19th* day of November 2019.



PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT



KRISTINE RAPER, COMMISSIONER



ERIC ANDERSON, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:



Diane M. Hanian
Commission Secretary

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