

**BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**IN THE MATTER OF PICABO WATER ) CASE NO. PIC-W-21-01**  
**SYSTEM'S APPLICATION FOR )**  
**AUTHORITY TO INCREASE ITS RATES ) NOTICE OF MODIFIED**  
**AND CHARGES FOR WATER SERVICE IN ) PROCEDURE**  
**THE STATE OF IDAHO )**  
**) NOTICE OF CUSTOMER**  
**) HEARING**  
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**) NOTICE OF PUBLIC**  
**) WORKSHOP**  
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**) ORDER NO. 35082**  
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On March 8, 2021, Picabo Water System dba Picabo Livestock Co. (“Company”) applied to increase its rates and charges for water service. Specifically, the Company proposes its winter residential flat rate increase from \$22 per month to \$33 per month, its summer flat rate increase from \$41 per month to \$62 per month; and its commercial flat rate increase from \$37 per month to \$55 per month. The Company proposed a May 1, 2021, effective date for the new rates. On March 29, 2021, the Commission issued a Notice of Application and suspended the Company’s proposed effective date for 30 days and five months. Order No. 34979; *see Idaho Code* § 61-622.

The Commission now sets comment deadlines and provides notice of a telephonic public workshop and a telephonic customer 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 persons desiring to state a position on this Application may file a written comment explaining why the person supports or opposes the Application. Persons who would like a hearing must specifically request a hearing in their written

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comments. **Persons shall have until August 19, 2021, to file written comments.** Comments must be filed through the Commission website or by e-mail unless computer access is unavailable. To comment electronically, please access the Commission’s home page at [www.puc.idaho.gov](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, the customer must e-mail the comments to the e-mail addresses listed below. In addition to submitting the comments to the Commission Secretary, the customer must also e-mail 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:**

Commission Secretary  
Idaho Public Utilities Commission  
P.O. Box 83720  
Boise, ID 83720-0074  
[secretary@puc.idaho.gov](mailto:secretary@puc.idaho.gov)

**For Picabo Water System:**

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Building 8, Suite 201-A  
Boise, Idaho 83714

**YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company must file any reply comments by September 24, 2021.**

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.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP**

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Staff will hold a telephonic, public, informational workshop for customers taking water service from the Company on **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2021, AT 7:00 PM (MDT)**. The purpose of the workshop is to provide customers with an overview of the Application and Staff’s analysis regarding how the

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Company's proposed rate increase would impact customers. At the workshop, customers may ask Staff about the Application and how customers may further participate in the proceeding. Company representatives will also be available. To participate online, please visit **idahogov.webex.com** and enter **177 742 9647**. At the next window, enter your name, e-mail address and the password **AugustWorkshop**. To participate by telephone, please call **1-415-655-0001** and enter the passcode **177 742 9647** when prompted.

### **NOTICE OF CUSTOMER HEARING**

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission will conduct a telephonic customer hearing in this matter on **TUESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2021, AT 7:00 PM (MDT)**. The purpose of the public hearing is to take testimony from members of the public and customers of the Company. To participate, please call **1-415-655-0001** and enter the passcode **177 458 0194** when prompted. Those planning on testifying are encouraged to join the hearing at 6:30 PM (MDT).

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that any person needing special accommodations to participate in the hearings and 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](mailto:secretary@puc.idaho.gov)

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the record in this matter is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission's office. These documents are also available on the Commission's web site at [www.puc.idaho.gov](http://www.puc.idaho.gov). Click on the "WATER" icon, select "Open Cases," and click on the case number as shown on the front of this document.

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 the Company's Application be processed by Modified Procedure, Rule 201-204 (IDAPA 31.01.01.201-.204). Persons interested in submitting written

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comments must do so by August 19, 2021. The Company must file any reply comments by September 24, 2021.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Commission Staff hold a telephonic, public, informational, customer workshop on Wednesday, August 11, 2021, at 7:00 PM (MDT).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Commission will hold a telephonic customer hearing at which customers and interested members of the public may testify on Tuesday, August 17, 2021, at 7:00 PM (MDT).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that parties should continue to comply with Order No. 35058, issued June 3, 2021. All pleadings should be filed with the Commission electronically and shall be deemed timely filed when received by the Commission Secretary. *See* Rule 14.02. Service between parties should also be accomplished electronically. Voluminous discovery-related documents may be filed and served on CD-ROM or a USB flash drive.

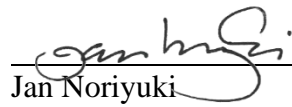
DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June 2021.

  
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PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

  
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KRISTINE RAPER, COMMISSIONER

  
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ERIC ANDERSON, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

  
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Jan Noriyuki  
Commission Secretary

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