BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF PRIEST LAKE) CASE NO. PLW-W-24-02
WATER LLC'S APPLICATION TO)
INCREASE ITS RATES AND CHARGES) ORDER VACATING CUSTOMER
FOR WATER SERVICE IN THE STATE OF) HEARING AND REPLY
IDAHO) COMMENT DEADLINE
)
) ORDER NO. 36574
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On October 8, 2024, Priest Lake Water, LLC ("Company") applied for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN"), to provide water service near Priest Lake in Bonner County, Idaho. The Company also requested authorization to increase its rates from the current single flat monthly rate of \$37 to a flat monthly rate of \$98 for residential customers and a flat monthly rate of \$100 for commercial customers. The Company requested a December 1, 2024, effective date for the rate increase.

On December 4, 2024, the Commission opened this case, transferring the Company's request to increase rates to it for processing and evaluation. The Commission further directed Commission Staff ("Staff") to recommend a procedural schedule for processing the requested rate increase, contingent upon the resolution of the Company's request for a CPCN.

On January 13, 2025, the Commission issued Order No. 36442, granting the Company's request for a CPCN.

On February 19, 2025, the Commission issued a Notice of Customer Hearing, scheduling an in-person customer hearing in this matter for April 16, 2025.

At the Commission's April 10, 2025, decision meeting, Staff presented a decision memorandum recommending that the Commission vacate the April 16, 2025, customer hearing, due to scheduling conflicts and logistical issues. As the Commission would be unable to reschedule a customer hearing before the Company's current reply comment deadline of April 30, 2025, due to scheduling conflicts, Staff further recommended that the Commission vacate the existing reply comment deadline.

With this order, the Commission vacates the customer hearing scheduled for April 16, 2025, and the current April 30, 2025, reply comment deadline.¹

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the customer hearing scheduled for April 16, 2025, and the reply comment deadline of April 30, 2025, set in Order No. 36471 are vacated.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Staff shall consult with the parties to schedule a customer hearing and set a company reply comment deadline that will permit the issuance of a final order in this case before the May 30, 2025, effective date of the Company's proposed rate increases.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 24th day of April 2024.

EDWARD LODGE, PRESIDENT

JOHN R. HAMMOND JR., COMMISSIONER

Recused

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ATTEST:

Monica Barrios-Sanche Commission Secretary

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¹ Although the Commission adopted Staff's recommendation to vacate the April 16, 2025, customer hearing, a written order to that effect did not issue before the hearing date. However, notice that the customer hearing was vacated was given to the parties via email and customers via a press release issued on April 10, 2025.