BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF SCHWEITZER BASIN WATER LLC'S APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY TO INCREASE ITS RATES AND CHARGES FOR WATER SERVICE IN THE STATE OF IDAHO	)	**CASE NO. SCH-W-26-01**
	)	**NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE**
	)	**NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP**
	)	**ORDER NO. 37199**

On July 27, 2026, Schweitzer Basin Water LLC ("Company") applied to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") requesting authority to increase its rates and charges for water services ("Application"). Application at 1. The Company requested authority for a 134% increase in its water rates. *Id.* at 1–2. The Company requested the proposed rate increase be effective September 1, 2026. *Id.* at 2.

On August 14, 2026, the Commission issued a Notice of Application, Notice of Suspension of Proposed Effective Date, and Notice of Intervention Deadline, setting a deadline for interested parties to file a petition to intervene. Order No. 37136. No petitions to intervene were filed.

The Commission now issues this Notice of Modified Procedure, establishing comment and reply deadlines. With this Order the Commission also directs Commission Staff ("Staff") to hold an in-person public workshop.

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 the Commission's Rules of Procedure 201-204, IDAPA 31.01.01.201-.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

comments and explain why written comments alone are insufficient. **Persons interested in filing written comments, must do so by January 12, 2027.** 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 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 all parties at the e-mail addresses listed below. Persons submitting a comment by e-mail must provide their name, address, and the Case Number under which they are commenting. Persons submitting a comment by e-mail also acknowledge that submitting a comment in an open case constitutes a public record under *Idaho Code* § 74-101(13), and all information provided by such person is available for public and media inspection.

If computer access is unavailable, then comments may be mailed to the Commission and the Parties at the addresses below. Persons submitting a comment by mail must provide their name, address, and the Case Number under which they are commenting. Persons submitting a comment by mail also acknowledge that submitting a comment in an open case constitutes a public record under *Idaho Code* § 74-101(13), and all information provided by such person is available for public and media inspection.

For the Idaho Public Utilities Commission:	**For the Company:**
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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company must file any reply comments by **February 2, 2027.**

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 final 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 an in-person public, informational workshop for customers taking service from the Company at The Sandpoint Center in the Marigold Conference Room located at 414 Church Street Sandpoint, Idaho 83864 **on Tuesday, October 27, 2026, from 6:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. (local time).** The purpose of the workshop is to provide customers with an overview of the Application regarding the proposed rate change. At the workshop, customers may ask Staff about the Application and how customers may further participate in the proceeding.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this Application be processed under Modified Procedure. Persons interested in submitting written comments must do so by January 12, 2027. The Company must file any reply comments by February 2, 2027.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Staff will hold an in-person, informational, customer workshop at The Sandpoint Center in the Marigold Conference Room located at 414 Church Street Sandpoint, Idaho 83864 on Tuesday, October 27, 2026, from 6:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. (local time).

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 15th day of October 2026.

EDWARD LODGE, PRESIDENT

JOHN R. HAMMOND JR., COMMISSIONER

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Monica Barrios-Sanchez
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