# **DECISION MEMORANDUM**

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FROM: MICHAEL W. MORRISON

**DATE:** MAY 3, 2021

RE: IN THE MATTER OF SUEZ WATER IDAHO INC'S APPLICATION

FOR AUTHORITY TO INCREASE ITS RATES AND CHARGES FOR

WATER SERVICE IN IDAHO; CASE NO. SUZ-W-20-02

## **BACKGROUND**

On September 30, 2020, SUEZ Water Idaho Inc. ("Company") applied to increase its rates and charges for water service in Idaho. The Company proposed to increase its rates by \$10,160,211—an average of 22.3%. The Company proposed to apply the rate increase uniformly to all customer classes, including miscellaneous service charges and fees. The Company also requested an October 31, 2020 effective date.

On March 17, 2021, a Stipulation and Settlement ("Settlement") and a motion for Commission approval of the proposed Settlement were filed with the Commission. See IDAPA 31.01.056, .272, .274. Under the proposed Settlement, the Company would be allowed to implement revised tariff schedules designed to recover an additional \$3.996 million, representing an 8.75% increase in revenue.

On April 30, 2021, the Commission issued Final Order No. 35030 ("Final Order") approving the Settlement and reserving \$40,000 in intervenor funding, to be included in rates for the period of May 1, 2021 through April 30, 2022.

On May 3, 2021 the Company submitted its Proposed Tariff ("Proposed Tariff") with a proposed effective date of May 1, 2021.

## STAFF'S ANALYSIS

Staff reviewed the Proposed Tariff and found it to be in conformance with the Settlement and with Commission Order No. 35030. Under the Proposed Tariff, \$40,000 in Commission reservation for authorizing intervenor funding will be collected through Schedule No. 1, General Metered Service during the period May 1, 2021 through April 30, 2022.

## STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission approve the Proposed Tariff submitted by the Company on May 3, 2021 with an effective date of May 1, 2021.

### **COMMISSION DECISION**

Does the Commission wish to approve the Proposed Tariff submitted by the Company on May 3, 2021 with an effective date of May 1, 2021?

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