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BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

**APPLICATION OF CDS STONERIDGE
UTILITIES, LLC TO CHANGE RATES FOR
NON-REFUNDABLE HOOK-UP FEE FOR
NEW WATER CONNECTIONS**) **CASE NO. SWS-W-20-01**
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) **MOTION TO EXTEND**
) **SUSPENSION PERIOD**
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Staff of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission moves the Commission, under Idaho Code § 61-622(4), to extend the period of suspension in this case by 60 days from January 26, 2021.

BACKGROUND

On June 4, 2020, CDS Stoneridge Utilities, LLC (“Company”) filed an Application seeking to increase the hook-up fee for a new customer to physically connect to the Company’s water system from \$1,200 to \$9,735. *See Application* at 1, Case No. SWS-W-20-01. The Company requested an effective date of July 27, 2020. On June 25, 2020, the Commission ordered the Application to be processed by Modified Procedure and suspended the Company’s proposed effective date from July 27, 2020 to January 26, 2021. *See Order No. 34702.*

On June 29, 2020, the Commission Staff (“Staff”) served Production Requests Nos. 1-19 on the Company. For unknown reasons, the Company has been unable to timely and fully respond to these Production Requests. The Company’s last responses in relation to Requests for Production 1-19 was delivered to the Commission on November 23, 2020. On September 16,

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2020, Staff served Productions Requests Nos. 20-23 on the Company. The Company's last response to these Requests for Production was delivered to the Commission on November 23, 2020.

ARGUMENT

As stated above, the Company's proposed effective date has been suspended to January 26, 2021. Due to the Company's late responses to Staff's Production Requests, Staff has not yet been able to fully evaluate whether the Company's request to increase its hook-up fee is fair, just, and reasonable. Staff hopes that with the Company's latest responses it will be closer to making fully informed recommendation on the Company's request. Further, Staff may need to obtain further information from the Company on its request. Finally, to allow Staff to file comments and the Company to file reply comments, additional time is needed to be added to the current schedule for the case.

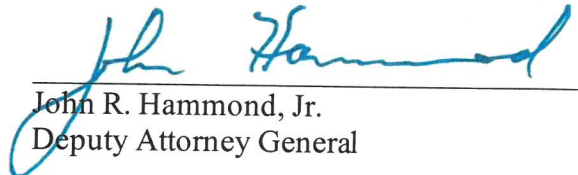
Idaho Code § 61-622(4) provides that, after a showing of good cause, the Commission may grant a request to suspend an effective date for additional 60 days. Staff submits there is good cause to extend the suspension period. Staff thus requests that the Commission extend the suspension period by 60 days from January 26, 2021, to allow Staff and the Company ample time to provide fully informed comments in this case prior to the Commission issuing an order approving, modifying, or rejecting the Company's Application to increase its hook-up fee.

Staff also proposes that the Commission set a written comment deadline for interested persons and parties of January 26, 2021, and a reply comment deadline of February 9, 2021.

REQUEST FOR RELIEF

Staff requests that the Commission suspend the effective date for the proposed changes to the Company's hook-up fee for an additional 60 days, until March 26, 2021. Staff also requests that the Commission set a comment deadline of January 26, 2021, for interested persons and parties and a February 9, 2021, reply comment deadline for the Company.

Respectfully submitted this 30th day of November 2020.

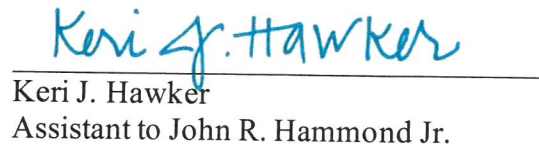

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I HAVE ON THIS 30th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2020, SERVED THE FOREGOING **MOTION TO EXTEND SUSPENSION PERIOD**, IN CASE NO. SWS-W-20-01, BY E-MAILING A COPY THEREOF, TO THE FOLLOWING:

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