

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF CDS STONERIDGE UTILITIES, LLC’S APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY TO INCREASE ITS RATES AND CHARGES FOR WATER SERVICE IN THE STATE OF IDAHO)	CASE NO. SWS-W-24-01
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)	NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE
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)	NOTICE OF CUSTOMER HEARINGS
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)	ORDER NO. 36323
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On February 28, 2024, CDS Stoneridge Utilities, LLC (“Company” or “Stoneridge”) applied for authorization to increase its rates and charges for water service (“Application”). The Company made a separate supplemental filing requesting an April 1, 2024, effective date.¹

On March 13, 2024, the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) issued a Notice of Application, Notice of Intervention Deadline, and Notice of Suspension of Proposed Effective Date. Order No. 36116. The Stoneridge Property Owners Association, Inc. (“SPOA”), the Stoneridge Recreational Club Condominium Owners Association, Inc. (“SRCCOA”), and an individual, Randolph Garrison, *pro se*, petitioned to intervene (collectively the “Intervenors”). Order Nos. 36144 and 36163.

On May 28, 2024, the Commission issued a Notice of Modified Procedure establishing public comment and Company reply deadlines and Notice of Public Workshops. Order No. 36192. The Commission Staff (“Staff”) held two public workshops on June 4, 2024, in Blanchard, Idaho.

On June 10, 2024, Mr. Garrison filed two motions. The first requested that the Commission order the Company (or the Commission Secretary should the Company fail to promptly comply) to provide the Intervenors with discovery responses in this case. Mr. Garrison’s second motion asked the Commission to process this case via a technical hearing rather than by Modified Procedure.

On July 2, 2024, pursuant to Staff’s decision memorandum making several requests to ensure this case proceeded appropriately, the Commission issued an order suspending the case for

¹ In its Application the Company initially requested a July 1, 2024, effective date. *See* Application Attachment G.

60 days, setting a new effective date of November 30, 2024, ordering the Company to obtain representation within 30 days, and vacating the comment deadlines established in Order No. 36192. Order No. 36247.

Jason Piskel filed a Notice of Appearance on July 1, 2024, noting that he was retained to represent the Company before the Commission. This filing complied with the Commission's requirements established in Order No. 36247.

The Commission hereby orders that this case proceed via Modified Procedure and establishes the dates for two customer hearings.

NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Commission has determined 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 interested in filing written comments must do so by October 2, 2024.**² 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 <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, 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

² The Commission here notes that all the comments already filed in this case shall remain a part of the record.

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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that **the Intervenors must file their comments by October 16, 2024.**

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that **the Company must file any reply comments by October 30, 2024.**

NOTICE OF CUSTOMER HEARING

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission will conduct a customer hearing in this matter on **WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 9, 2024, starting at 5:00 p.m. (PDT) and ending at 8:00 p.m. (PDT), or after all customer testimony has been taken, whichever comes first.** The customer hearing will be held at the **Blanchard Community Center, 685 Rusho Lane, Blanchard, Idaho 83804.** Persons attending the hearing in-person will have an opportunity to provide testimony. Persons may also listen to the live testimony and proceedings at the hearing by calling **1-415-655-0001**, entering code **2632 798 5543** when prompted. However, persons will not be able to provide testimony by phone.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission will conduct a customer hearing in this matter on **THURSDAY OCTOBER 10, 2024, starting at 10:00 a.m. (PDT) and ending at 1:00 p.m. (PDT), or after all customer testimony has been taken, whichever comes first.** The customer hearing will be held at the **Blanchard Community Center, 685 Rusho Lane, Blanchard, Idaho 83804.** Persons attending the hearing in-person will have an opportunity to provide testimony. Persons may also listen to the live testimony and proceedings at the hearing by calling **1-415-655-0001**, entering code **2634 555 0776** when prompted. However, persons will not be able to provide testimony by phone.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all hearings and prehearing conferences in this matter will be held in facilities meeting the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (“ADA”). Persons needing the help of a sign language interpreter or other assistance to participate in or to understand testimony and argument at a public hearing may ask the Commission to provide a sign language interpreter or other assistance at the hearing. The request for assistance must be received at least five working days before the hearing by contacting the Commission Secretary at:

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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. 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

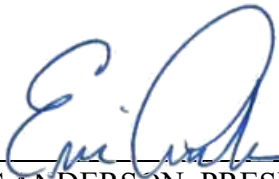
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Company's Application be processed by Modified Procedure. The Commission here establishes an October 2, 2024, Staff and public comment deadline; an October 16, 2024, Intervenor comment deadline; and an October 30, 2024, Company reply deadline.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Commission will hold two customer hearings at the Blanchard Community Center in Blanchard, Idaho: (1) October 9, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. (PDT); and (2) October 10, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. (PDT). Customers can call in using the information above to listen to the customer hearings but must be physically present to offer testimony.

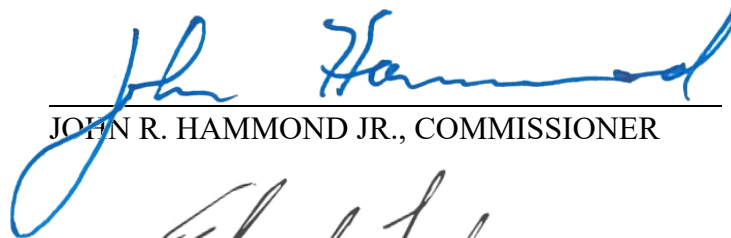
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that parties comply with Order No. 35375, issued April 21, 2022. Generally, all pleadings should be filed with the Commission electronically and will be deemed timely filed when received by the Commission Secretary. See Rule 14.02. Service between parties should continue to be accomplished electronically when possible. However, voluminous discovery-related documents may be filed and served on CD-ROM or a USB flash drive.

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DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 13th day of September 2024.



ERIC ANDERSON, PRESIDENT

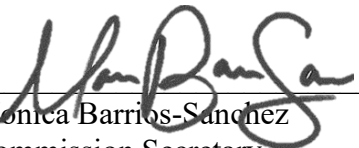


JOHN R. HAMMOND JR., COMMISSIONER



EDWARD LODGE, COMMISSIONER

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Commission Secretary

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