

**BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**IN THE MATTER OF TETON WATER AND ) CASE NO. TTS-W-26-02**  
**SEWER COMPANY, LLC'S APPLICATION )**  
**FOR TARIFF REVISIONS )**  
**) ORDER NO. 37059**  
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On February 19, 2026, Teton Water and Sewer Company, LLC (“Company”) applied to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) requesting to revise Rate Schedule No. 2, Non-Recurring Fees and Charges (“Schedule No. 2”). The Company requested a March 1, 2026, effective date.

On March 19, 2026, the Commission issued a Notice of Application, Notice of Suspension of Proposed Effective Date, and Notice of Modified Procedure, establishing public comment and Company reply comment deadlines. Order No. 36973. No public comments were received.

Based on our review of the record, the Commission now issues this Final Order approving the revision to Schedule No. 2, with modifications, as discussed below.

**THE APPLICATION**

The Company proposed revising Schedule No. 2 to clarify the Company’s Hookup Charge , revise tariff language, define ownership and responsibility for service facilities, and more accurately reflect the services provided by the Company. Application at 1. The Company stated that it was not proposing any changes to its monthly rates. *Id.*

Specifically, the Company proposed increasing the Schedule No. 2 Hookup Charge from \$600 plus incremental costs to a flat fee of \$2,913. *Id.* The Company also proposed revising the tariff language to clarify that installation of the meter vault, service line, fittings, and related appurtenances located at the curb stop are performed by the customer’s contractor, rather than by the Company. *Id.*

In addition, the Company proposed language confirming that, for a standard new service connection, the Company’s responsibilities would be limited to: (1) inspecting customer-installed facilities before backfilling; (2) conducting pressure testing to verify the absence of leaks; and (3) installing and activating the water meter. *Id.* Finally, the Company proposed adding language establishing that customers would be responsible for the actual construction costs associated with

requests for service connections larger than 1-inch, subject to Company inspection and approval. *Id.*

The Company believed that these revisions to Schedule No. 2 are necessary to improve transparency between the Company and its customers and to align the tariff language with the Company's actual operating practices. *Id.* at 2.

#### STAFF COMMENTS

Based on its review of the Application, supporting attachments, and discussions with the Company, Staff recommended that the Commission approve a Hookup Charge of \$2,996 and approve Staff's proposed revisions to the Company's tariff language as provided in Attachment B to Staff's Comments. Staff Comments at 2. Staff also recommended that the Commission order the Company to work with Staff to submit a compliance filing with updated tariffs within 30 days of the issuance of the order. *Id.*

With respect to the Hookup Charge calculation, Staff recommended approval of a \$2,996 Hookup Charge rather than the Company's proposed \$2,913 charge. *Id.* Staff believed that the documentation and invoices submitted by the Company adequately supported an increase in the Hookup Charge from the existing \$600 fee. *Id.* However, during its review, Staff identified a calculation error, rounding errors, the improper inclusion of a curb box in the meter material costs, and an increase in the cost of one-inch meters. *Id.* After correcting those issues, removing the curb box cost, and adjusting the meter price, Staff calculated a revised Hookup Charge of \$2,996. *Id.* Staff explained that it removed the curb box cost because the curb box was already installed and was part of the Company's existing infrastructure. *Id.* at 3. Staff further noted that any damage to the curb box, existing Company infrastructure, or hookup components caused during or after installation by contractors, landscapers, or similar parties would remain the sole responsibility of the customer. *Id.*

Staff also recommended approval of the tariff language revisions contained in Attachment B to Staff's Comments and recommended that the Commission require the Company to file updated compliance tariffs within 30 days of the final order. *Id.* Staff's proposed revisions included language clarifying the respective responsibilities of the customer and the Company for hookup installation, defining the point at which ownership of the service connection transferred from the Company to the customer, removing the limitation on assessing Hookup Charges more than six months in advance, updating the 1-inch meter Hookup Charge to reflect Staff's revised calculation,

clarifying charges for service connections larger than one inch, and revising Sections 7.1 and 9.1 of the general rules to conform with the proposed Hookup Charge changes. *Id.*

Staff explained that its proposed tariff language more clearly identified the obligations of both the customer and the Company in connection with service hookups. *Id.* Under the proposed language, the Company would be responsible for approving qualified contractors, communicating installation requirements, supplying hookup materials, and conducting final inspections, while the customer would remain responsible for hiring qualified contractors, installing Company-supplied materials, and paying extraordinary costs not included in the Hookup Charge. *Id.* at 4. Staff identified repair or replacement costs associated with damage to Company infrastructure caused by customer contractors as an example of such extraordinary costs. *Id.*

Staff further explained that the revised tariff language clarified ownership and maintenance responsibilities for the service connection after installation. *Id.* Under the proposed revisions, the Company would assume ownership of the service connection up to the outlet side of the meter, while the customer would own and maintain all facilities beyond the outlet side of the meter. *Id.* Staff also removed the tariff provision prohibiting assessment of Hookup Charge more than six months in advance after the Company explained that Teton County required payment of the Hookup Charge before issuance of a building permit, which frequently resulted in installation occurring more than a year after payment. *Id.* Finally, Staff noted that the proposed tariff revisions updated the Hookup Charge amount to reflect Staff's calculations and clarified that customers requesting meter sizes larger than one inch would be responsible for the actual material costs associated with those connections. *Id.*

### **COMMISSION FINDINGS AND DECISION**

The Commission has jurisdiction over the Company's Application and the issues in this case under Title 61 of the Idaho Code including, *Idaho Code* §§ 61-501, -502, and -503. The Commission is empowered to investigate rates, charges, rules, regulations, practices, and contracts of all public utilities and to determine whether they are just, reasonable, preferential, discriminatory, or in violation of any provisions of law, and to fix the same by order. *Idaho Code* §§ 61-501, -502, and -503.

The Commission has reviewed the Company's Application, including all submitted materials and Staff's comments. Based on our review of the record, we find it fair, just, and reasonable to approve Staff's recommended Hookup Charge Fee of \$2,996. The Commission also

finds Staff's recommendations regarding the Company's tariff language to be reasonable. The Company shall work with Staff to update its tariff consistent with this Order and Staff's recommendations. Within 30 days of the date of this Order, the Company shall submit an updated tariff, including the \$2,996 Hookup Charge Fee and revised tariff language, together with any other required documentation, as a compliance filing for Commission review and approval.

### **ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the updated Hookup Charge of \$2,996, is approved.

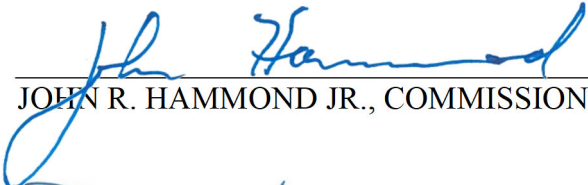
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Staff's proposed tariff language is approved, as filed as Attachment B to Staff's Comments.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that within 30 days of the date of this Order, the Company shall submit an updated tariff, including the \$2,996 Hookup Charge and revised tariff language, together with any other required documentation, as a compliance filing for Commission review and approval.

THIS IS A FINAL ORDER. Any person interested in this Order may petition for reconsideration within 21 days of the service date of this Order regarding any matter decided in this Order. Within 7 days after any person has petitioned for reconsideration, any other person may cross-petition for reconsideration. *Idaho Code* § 61-626.

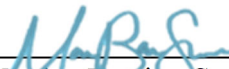
DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June 2026.

  
EDWARD LODGE, PRESIDENT

  
JOHN R. HAMMOND JR., COMMISSIONER

  
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