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BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
TO AMEND BRIAN WATER SURCHARGE
AND REFUND CUSTOMERS.

Case No. VEO-W-22-03

APPLICATION TO AMEND BRIAN WATER
SURCHARGE AND TO REFUND
CUSTOMERS

Veolia Water Idaho, Inc. (“Veolia” or “Company”) respectfully files this Application to Amend Brian Water Surcharges and Refund Customers, pursuant to the Commission’s Rule of Procedure 52. In support of this Application, Veolia states as follows.

1. In Case No. UWI-W-14-01, the Commission authorized the Company to, among other things, collect from customers that live in the Brian Subdivision “a fixed surcharge to [the Company] every other month for 10 years once interconnection with [the Company’s] system is complete and final costs are determined.” *See* Order No. 33195 at 6, Case No. UWI-W-14-01 (Dec. 17, 2014).

2. To implement the surcharge, the Commission ordered the Company to file a conforming tariff that conformed to Attachment 3 to Staff’s comments in that case. *Id.* at 11.

3. Pursuant to that Order, the Company filed, and the Commission approved, a tariff identified as Schedule No. 1C, Brian Subdivision Surcharge. The tariff reflects a bimonthly

surcharge in the amount of \$141.35, or a monthly surcharge of \$69.24 for Budget Billing customers. The tariff, in clean and redline form showing the amendments sought in this Proceeding, is attached to this Application as Exhibit 1.

4. It recently came to the Company's attention that there was a computational error in the surcharge amount. This error flowed from a formula in the Excel spreadsheet that had been incorrectly used. The error resulted in a surcharge that was \$2.87 too high for customers that paid a bimonthly surcharge.

5. To address this error, the Company requests that the Commission approve a revised tariff, in the form of the proposed revised tariff attached as Exhibit 1,¹ that amends the surcharge amount to \$138.48 for customers who pay bimonthly and to \$69.24 for Budget Billing customers.

6. In addition, upon approval of the revised tariff, the Company will provide credits on customer bills in the amount of the customer's surcharge overpayment, including interest at a rate of 2%, which is the amount of interest on customer deposits.

7. Customers who paid the surcharge, but who are not current customers, will receive a refund check in the amount of the surcharge overpayment plus interest mailed to the customers' last known address.

REQUEST FOR MODIFIED PROCEDURE

Veolia does not believe that a hearing is necessary to consider the matters presented in this Application, and requests that the Application be processed by modified procedure under the Commission's rules.


¹ The proposed tariffs show an effective date of August 4, 2022, but that will be amended to reflect the effective date of the Order approving the tariffs.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

Based on the information presented in this Application, Veolia respectfully requests that the Commission enter an order:

1. Processing this proceeding by modified procedure;
2. Approving the amended Schedule No. 1C, Brian Subdivision Surcharge, in the form of Exhibit 1 to this Application, effective upon the Commission's order in this proceeding;
3. Authorizing and directing Veolia to refund customers as proposed in paragraphs 6 and 7 of this Application; and
4. Any other relief that is just and reasonable.

DATED: August 18, 2022.

By: 
Preston N. Carter
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT on August 18, 2022, I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing to be served upon the following parties as indicated below:

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EXHIBIT 1

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SUEZ WATER IDAHO INC.

SCHEDULE NO. 1C
BRIAN SUBDIVISION SURCHARGE

To all metered customers, who were previously customers of Brian Subdivision Water Users Association Inc., located in the Brian Subdivision, Ada County, Idaho.

Surcharge Amount

A bi-monthly surcharge in the amount of \$138.48 will be billed every other month unless the customer is enrolled in Budget Billing. Budget Billing customers will be billed \$69.24 monthly. The surcharge is in addition to charges for water service as specified in Schedule No. 1, General Metered Service and other applicable charges.

Conditions of Contract:

The surcharge set forth above shall take effect in the first billing period following the customer's connection to the Company's distribution system, computation of final project costs, and approval by the Idaho Public Utilities Commission. The surcharge shall continue for a period of ten (10) years until November 12, 2028.

The surcharge shall attach to the customer service address and payment thereof shall be the responsibility of subsequent customers taking service at that address.

The Company shall not propose to change the surcharge amount, terms or conditions in subsequent general rate proceedings.

In lieu of the surcharge, a customer may elect to pay a single lump sum payment equal to the NPV of the surcharge amount owed at the time of election. The lump sum amount must be paid within thirty (30) days of the customer's election and shall be irrevocable.

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BRIAN SUBDIVISION SURCHARGE

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Surcharge Amount

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