

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE INVESTIGATION) CASE NO. VID-W-25-01
INTO THE RATES CHARGED BY VALIANT)
IDAHO, INC. AND TIC UTILITIES, LLC,)
OWNERS OF A NORTHERN IDAHO) ORDER NO. 36582
WATER SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION)
SYSTEM)
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On September 6, 2024, the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) issued Order No. 36312 in Case No. GNR-W-24-01, finding that Valiant Idaho, Inc. (“Valiant”) is a public utility under the jurisdiction of the Commission. The Commission further ordered Commission Staff (“Staff”) to open a separate docket to evaluate whether Valiant’s rates are fair, just, and reasonable.

On February 7, 2025, the Commission issued Order No. 36459 opening Case No. VID-W-25-01 to evaluate the rates on Valiant’s tariffs as required by Order No. 36312.

On March 4, 2025, TIC Utilities, LLC (“TIC”), an entity affiliated with Valiant, applied to increase its rates and charges for water service, Case No. VID-W-25-02. Because Staff will evaluate Valiant/TIC’s rates and provide recommendations to the Commission in the general rate case, Case No. VID-W-25-02, Staff believes the investigation being conducted in this case is duplicative and no longer necessary. Having reviewed the record, we now issue this Final Order closing this case.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommended closing this case because Valiant’s rates will be reviewed in Case No. VID-W-25-02. Staff also suggested that the Commission direct the Commission Secretary to move the Staff’s first set of production requests and the Company’s responses in this case into Case No. VID-W-25-02. This will help speed up the review process, as the information is relevant to evaluating the Company’s rate increase request and avoid duplicating efforts.

DISCUSSION AND FINDINGS

We have jurisdiction over Valiant, a water utility, and the issues presented in Case No. VID-W-25-01 pursuant to Idaho Code, Title 61, and the Commission’s Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.000, *et seq.* Because Staff will evaluate Valiant/TIC’s rates and provide

recommendations to the Commission in Case No. VID-W-25-02, we find this case to be duplicative and unnecessary. We find our objective in opening this docket to investigate Valiant's rates will be met in the related TIC rate case. Accordingly, it is reasonable to direct the Commission Secretary to transfer Staff's first set of production requests and Valiant's responses in this case to Case No. VID-W-25-02. This will facilitate more efficient processing of that case. Additionally, we find it reasonable to close this case after this transfer occurs.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Commission Secretary shall transfer Staff's first set of production requests and Valiant's responses in this case to Case No. VID-W-25-02.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, after this transfer occurs, this case shall be closed.

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

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 29th day of April 2025.



EDWARD LODGE, PRESIDENT

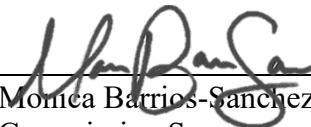


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Commission Secretary

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