## **BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

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IN THE MATTER OF VP INC.'S APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIANCE AND NECESSITY AND TO INCREASE ITS RATES AND CHARGES FOR WATER SERVICE IN THE STATE OF IDAHO CASE NO. VPI-W-24-01 ORDER NO. 36393

On January 11, 2024, VP Inc. ("VP" or "Company") applied for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") to provide water service near Sandpoint, Idaho ("Application"). The Commission directed VP to apply for a CPCN after finding it was a water corporation subject to the Commission's regulation as a public utility in Case No. GNR-W-17-01. *See* Order No. 35998 at 4.

On February 20, 2024, VP amended its Application to include a request to increase its monthly rate for water service.

On March 12, 2024, the Commission issued a Notice of Application and Notice of Intervention Deadline. Order No. 36117. No parties petitioned to intervene.

On April 23, 2024, the Commission issued a Notice of Modified Procedure setting comment deadlines and suspended the Company's proposed effective date. Order No. 36156. The Commission Staff ("Staff") filed comments along with two customers. The Company did not reply.

On September 3, 2024, the Commission issued Order No. 36313, granting the Company a CPCN to operate as a water utility within the State of Idaho, and to provide water services within the Hidden Lakes<sup>1</sup> subdivision near Sandpoint, Idaho; further ordering the Company to revise its existing billing statement and rate schedules, and submit a Tariff in compliance with the rates and charges set forth and approved no later than 30 days from the service date of Order No. 36313.

On September 16, 2024, the Company submitted a revised billing statement and a Tariff in compliance with the rates and charges set forth in Order No. 36313. Commission Staff reviewed the filing and, at the Commission's October 8, 2024, decision meeting, recommended that the Commission accept the filing and approve the Tariff with an effective date of September 3, 2024.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Order No. 36313 describes the service area being within Hidden Springs subdivision, when in fact it is Hidden Lakes subdivision. Application at 1.

## **COMMISSION FINDINGS AND DECISION**

Having reviewed the record and the Company's submission in compliance with Order No. 36313 and Staff's recommendation, the Commission finds that the Company has complied with the Commission's directive to make a separate filing revising its billing statements and rate schedules. We hereby approve the Company's updated Tariff, effective September 3, 2024.

## ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Company's updated Tariff, with an effective date of September 3, 2024, is approved.

THIS IS A FINAL ORDER. Any person interested in this Order may petition for reconsideration within twenty-one (21) days of the service date upon this Order regarding any matter decided in this Order. Within seven (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 20<sup>th</sup> day of November 2024.

ERIC ANDERSON, PRESIDENT

JOHN R. HAMMOND JR., COMMISSIONER

EDWARD LODGE, COMMISSIONER

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