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NEWS RELEASE: Intervention deadline set for water utility's application to change rates.

BOISE (March 13, 2024) – The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has set an April 2 intervention deadline for an application submitted by VP Inc. to increase the rates to provide water service to its customers.

Intervenors are allowed to participate in the proceedings for the application.

VP Inc. serves 74 residential customers near Sandpoint in Bonner County. It is asking for commission approval to increase rates. VP currently charges customers \$35, \$40 or \$45 monthly to provide service depending on the customer's initial connection date. It is proposing a rate increase to \$55 per month for all customers, and said the increase is necessary to cover ongoing expenses and allow for a 12 percent rate of return.

The commission may approve, deny or modify VP's application.

Those interested in becoming a party to the case and participate in proceedings have until April 2, 2024 to do so. An e-mail can be sent to secretary@puc.idaho.gov to request intervenor status. If computer access is not available, a request can be mailed to:

Commission Secretary Idaho Public Utilities Commission P.O. Box 83720 Boise, ID 83720-0074

Street address for express mail:

11331 W. Chinden Blvd. Building 8, Suite 201-A Boise, ID 83714

Additional information on VP's application is available at: puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/7241.