

DECISION MEMORANDUM

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DATE: APRIL 9, 2024

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

On January 11, 2024, VP Inc. (“Company”) applied for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide water service near Sandpoint, Idaho (“Application”). The Commission directed the Company to file the Application after finding it was a water corporation subject to regulation as a public utility in Case No. GNR-W-17-01. *See* Order No. 35998 at 4. On February 20, 2024, the Company amended its Application to also include a request to increase its rates and charges 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.

Additionally, after issuance of Order No. 36117, further inspection of the Company’s Application revealed that notices sent to customers indicated the proposed rate increase would become effective July 1, 2024, for the rate increase. Staff interprets the date listed in the customer notice as a proposed effective date.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

After conferring with the Company, Staff recommends the Commission issue a Notice of Modified Procedure, establishing a public comment deadline of June 13, 2024, and company reply deadline of June 27, 2024. Staff further recommends the Commission suspend the Company’s proposed effective date for 30 days and five months, consistent with *Idaho Code* § 61-622(4).

COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission wish to issue a Notice of Modified Procedure establishing a public comment deadline of June 13, 2024, a company reply deadline of June 27, 2024, and suspending the Company's proposed effective date for 30 days and five months, consistent with *Idaho Code* § 61-622(4)?



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