DECISION MEMORANDUM

TO: COMMISSIONER ANDERSON

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COMMISSION STAFF

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FROM: ADAM TRIPLETT

DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

DATE: MAY 28, 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. ("VP") applied for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide water service near Sandpoint, Idaho ("Application"). The Commission directed VP to apply 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 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.

On April 23, 2024, the Commission issued a Notice of Modified Procedure and Notice of Suspension of the Company's proposed effective date for its rate increases, setting public comment and Company reply deadlines and suspending the Company's proposed effective date of July 1, 2024 for thirty days plus five months. Order No. 36156.

On May 20, 2024, the Commission issued a Notice of Virtual Public Workshop, setting a virtual public workshop for June 6, 2024, at 6 p.m. (PDT). Order No. 36183.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Commission issue a Notice of Customer Hearing, setting a customer hearing in Sandpoint, Idaho, for June 24, 2024, at 5 p.m. (PDT).

COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission wish to issue a Notice of Customer Hearing, setting a customer hearing in Sandpoint, Idaho, for June 24, 2024, at 5 p.m. (PDT)?

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