

## WATER

### Regulated water companies

Company	Customers Nearest city/town	
Algoma Water Company	27	Sand Point
Aspen Creek	47	Fish Haven
Bitterroot Water System, Inc.	160	Coeur d'Alene
Capitol Water	2,941	Boise
CDS Stoneridge Utilities, LLC	375	Blanchard
Eagle Water Company, Inc.	4,177	Eagle
Falls Water Company, Inc.	6,193	Ammon
Gem State Water	400	Coeur d'Alene
Grouse Point Water	24	Kuna
Happy Valley Water System	27	Athol
Island Park Water Company	362	Island Park
Kootenai Heights Water System, Inc.	11	Kootenai
Mayfield Springs Water Company	101	Kuna
Morning View Water Company, Inc.	118	Rigby
Picabo Livestock Company	35	Picabo
Ponderosa Terrace Estates Water System, Inc.	22	Sandpoint
Resort Water Company	449	Sandpoint
Rocky Mountain Utility Company, Inc.	112	Rigby
Schweitzer Basin Water LLC	464	Sandpoint
Suez Water Idaho Inc.	97,029	Boise
Sunbeam Water Company	22	American Falls
Teton Water and Sewer Company, LLC	297	Driggs
Troy Hoffman Water Corporation	147	Coeur d'Alene

## SUEZ Water

### Commission schedules virtual workshops, hearings to share information on proposed SUEZ Water rate increase

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission will host a virtual workshop on Thursday, March 25, to share information on a proposal from SUEZ Water to raise its rates by 22.3 percent.

The virtual workshop will provide customers with an overview of the application from SUEZ to raise rates, and an analysis from commission staff regarding how the proposed increase would impact customers. At the workshop, customers may ask commission staff about the application and how customers may further participate. Representatives from SUEZ also will be available to answer questions during the workshop.

The workshop starts at 6:00 p.m. (MST). To participate online, please visit [idahogov.webex.com](http://idahogov.webex.com) and enter 133 719 2187. At the next window, enter your name, e-mail address and this password: ThursdayMeeting.

In addition to the workshop on March 25, the commission will host a telephonic customer hearing on Thursday, April 15, at 6:00 p.m. (MST). The purpose of the hearing is to take testimony from members of the public and SUEZ customers. To participate online, please visit [idahogov.webex.com](http://idahogov.webex.com) and enter 133 430 0807. At the next window, please enter your name, email address and the password ThursdayMeeting. To participate by telephone, please call 1-415- 655-0001 and enter the passcode 133 430 0807 when prompted. Those planning on testifying are encouraged to join the hearing at 5:30 p.m. (MST).

The commission will host a technical hearing beginning on Tuesday, April 20, at 1:30 p.m. (MST), and continuing on Wednesday, April 21, and Thursday, April 22, if necessary. A technical hearing is an opportunity for parties to the case to present witnesses and testimony, including exhibits. Non-parties interested in listening to the testimony and presentations at the technical hearing can attend, but will not be allowed to ask questions or testify. To listen to the hearing on April 20, please visit [idahogov.webex.com](http://idahogov.webex.com) and enter 133 596 6873. At the next window, enter your name, e-mail address and this password: TuesdayMeeting. To listen over the phone, please call 1-415-655-0001, and enter access code 133 596 6873. To listen on Wednesday, April 21, please visit [idahogov.webex.com](http://idahogov.webex.com) and enter 133 759 4530. At the next window, enter your name, e-mail address and this password: WednesdayMeeting. To listen over the phone, please call 1-415-655-001 and enter access code 133 759 4530. The start time for the hearing on Wednesday will be determined at the close of the hearing on Tuesday. If necessary, the technical hearing will continue on Thursday, April 22. To attend, please visit [idahogov.webex.com](http://idahogov.webex.com) and enter 133 928 5445. At the next window, enter your name, e-mail address and this password: ThursdayMeeting. To listen over the phone, please call 1-415-655- 0001 and enter access code 133 928 5445. The start time for the hearing on Thursday will be determined at the close of the hearing on Wednesday.

Those interested in submitting written comments on the proposed rate increase can do so. Comments must be filed through the commission's website or by e-mail unless computer access is not available. To submit comments electronically, please visit: [www.puc.idaho.gov](http://www.puc.idaho.gov). Click on the "Case Comment Form" and complete the form using case number SUZ-W-20-02. Comments also can be submitted by e-mailing them to [secretary@puc.idaho.gov](mailto:secretary@puc.idaho.gov),

mcc@givenspursley.com, prestoncarter@givenspursley.com, and david.njuguna@suez.com. Comments will need to be submitted to all of those e-mail addresses.

If computer access is not available, comments can be mailed to:

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For additional information on the application to raise rates, please visit: <https://puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/6543>.

## **Commission approves settlement agreement allowing SUEZ Water Idaho to raise rates by 8.75 percent over 2 years**

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has approved a settlement agreement between SUEZ Water of Idaho and its customers that will allow the utility to raise rates by 8.75 percent over a two-year period. The percentage represents an increase in revenue of \$3.99 million.

SUEZ initially proposed to raise rates by 22.3 percent, but agreed to enter into settlement negotiations with customers and stakeholders in February. The settlement negotiations resulted in the approved 8.75 percent rate increase.

The settlement agreement, approved by the commission on April 30, includes a phase-in of the rate increase. Customers will see a 3.55 percent increase on May 1, 2021, which represents increased revenues of \$1.62 million in the first year. On May 1, 2022, rates will increase by 5.2 percent, representing a \$2.37 million increase in the second year.

As part of the settlement, SUEZ agreed to file an updated depreciation study with its next general rates case, undertake a load study, and broaden public outreach efforts that include hosting public workshops related to water quality and resource planning. The company also agreed to examine its low-income assistance program, including participation and future opportunities.

In its order issued Friday, the commission acknowledged customer concerns regarding discolored water on the Boise Bench. It encouraged SUEZ to continue with efforts to implement solutions that would address the discolored water, and SUEZ agreed to keep commission staff informed of the efforts.

For more information about the commission's approval of the rate increase, please visit [puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/6543](http://puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/6543).

## **Commission schedules online public workshop on application to allow SUEZ Water to acquire Eagle Water**

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission will hold an online public workshop on Oct. 5 to share information on an application to allow SUEZ Water Idaho to acquire assets from Eagle Water Company. SUEZ Water Idaho and Eagle Water Company filed a joint application with the commission on June 8 asking for approval.

The online public workshop will be held Tuesday, Oct. 5, at 7:00 p.m. (MDT). At the workshop, commission staff will present an overview of the application and answer questions from those attending. Staff from SUEZ Water Idaho also will be available to answer questions. To participate online, please visit [idahogov.webex.com](http://idahogov.webex.com) and enter meeting number 2463 517 8624. At the next window, please enter your name, e-mail address and this password: OctoberWorkshop. To participate by phone, please call 1-415-655-0001 and enter meeting number 2463 517 8624 when prompted.

Written comments on the application are being accepted through Nov. 8, 2021. They are required to be filed by e-mail unless e-mail is unavailable. To submit comments via e-mail, please visit the commission's webpage at [puc.idaho.gov](http://puc.idaho.gov). Click on the "Consumers" tab toward the top of the page, then click on the "Case Comment Form." Please use case number SUZ-W-18-02 or EAGW-18-01 when filling out the form. Any comments should also be e-mailed to SUEZ Water and Eagle Water at the e-mail addresses listed below.

If e-mail is unavailable, comments may be mailed to the commission, SUEZ and Eagle Water at these addresses:

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For additional information on the application, please visit: [puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/3610](http://puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/3610).

## **Commission schedules telephonic public hearing to take verbal testimony on application to allow SUEZ Water to acquire Eagle Water**

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission will host a telephonic public hearing on Nov. 1 to take verbal testimony on an application to allow SUEZ Water Idaho to acquire assets from Eagle Water Company. SUEZ Water Idaho and Eagle Water Company filed a joint application with the commission on June 8 asking for approval.

The telephonic hearing will be on Monday, Nov. 1, at 7:00 p.m. (Mountain Time). The purpose of the hearing is to take testimony from members of the public and customers of the companies. For those who wish to call in and listen only, please dial 1-800-920-7487 and enter participant code 9877 951#. For those who plan to offer verbal testimony, please call 1-800-920-7487 and enter participant code 6674 832#.

Depending on public interest and attendance, the commission may impose a five-minute cap on each caller's testimony to ensure all participants have the opportunity to submit their verbal comments for the record.

Written comments on the application are being accepted through Nov. 8, 2021. They are required to be filed by e-mail unless e-mail is unavailable. To submit comments via e-mail, please visit the commission's webpage at [puc.idaho.gov](http://puc.idaho.gov). Click on the "Consumers" tab toward the top of the page, then click on the "Case Comment Form." Please use case number SUZ-W-18-02 or EAGW-18-01 when filling out the form. Any comments should also be e-mailed to SUEZ Water and Eagle Water at the e-mail addresses listed below.

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For additional information on the application, please visit: [puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/3610](http://puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/3610).

## Proposed settlement agreement regarding acquisition of Eagle Water Company by SUEZ Water Idaho has been submitted to Idaho Public Utilities Commission

A proposed settlement agreement that spells out the terms allowing SUEZ Water Idaho to acquire the assets of Eagle Water Company has been submitted to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission for its consideration.

SUEZ, Eagle Water, and commission staff all signed the proposed agreement. Other parties involved in settlement negotiations did not sign on to the agreement. If approved by the commission, SUEZ Water will be entitled to an acquisition adjustment amount of \$10,475,000 that will be included in its next rate case. In addition, that amount will be amortized over 40 years beginning at the implementation of rates in SUEZ's next rate case.

As part of the proposed settlement agreement, the parties involved agreed that new rates for existing Eagle Water customers will be phased-in over seven years. On Jan. 1, 2022, existing Eagle Water customers' rates will be set at 50 percent of SUEZ's approved rates. Each year thereafter on Jan. 1, existing Eagle Water customers' rates will increase by approximately 8.33 percent until their rates are 100 percent of SUEZ's approved rates.

The rate phase-in for Eagle Water customers will follow this progression:

Jan. 1, 2022 – 50 percent  
Jan. 1, 2023 – 58.33 percent  
Jan. 1, 2024 – 66.67 percent  
Jan. 1, 2025 – 75 percent  
Jan. 1, 2026 – 83.33 percent  
Jan. 1, 2027 – 91.67 percent  
Jan. 1, 2028 – 100 percent

The proposed settlement agreement also directs Eagle Water to refund approximately \$592,020 to existing customers of the utility. The refund is intended to offset in part the increase in rates existing Eagle Water customers will see beginning Jan. 1, 2022.

The commission is accepting written comments on the proposed settlement agreement through Nov. 8, 2021. Comments must be filed by e-mail unless e-mail is unavailable. To submit comments via e-mail, please visit the commission's webpage at [puc.idaho.gov](http://puc.idaho.gov). Click on the "Case Comment Form" link toward the top left side of the page. Please use case number SUZ-W-18-02 or EAG-W-18-01 when filling out the form. Any comments should also be e-mailed to SUEZ Water and Eagle Water at the e-mail addresses listed below.

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## Falls Water

### Commission schedules online public workshop to share information on proposed Falls Water Company rate increase

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission will host a live, virtual public workshop on Jan. 5 to share information regarding an application from Falls Water Company to raise the rates it charges for water service. Falls Water provides municipal water service to a portion of Bonneville County east of Idaho Falls and north of Ammon.

Falls Water proposes to raise rates between 11.2 percent and 27.3 percent, depending on the rate class customers are in. The customers affected are classified as residential, multi-family or commercial. In addition, the size of the meter determines how much rates would increase. For example, if the application was approved,

residential 1” meter customers would see an increase of 23.8 percent, increasing their average bill from \$27.86 to \$34.49. Company revenues would increase by \$344,175. This represents a 19.12 percent increase.

The commission will host a live, online workshop on Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. (MST). To participate online, please visit [idahogov.webex.com](http://idahogov.webex.com), and enter this meeting information: 177 343 7276. At the next window, enter your name, e-mail address and this password: Jan5Workshop. To participate via the phone, please call 1-415-655-0001 and enter this access code: 177 343 7276.

Commission staff will give a presentation, and will be available to answer questions.

Those interested in submitting written comments on the application can do so. Comments are due by Jan. 11, 2021. Written comments must contain a statement of reasons supporting them.

Comments can be mailed or e-mailed to:

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These comments should contain this case caption: In the matter of Falls Water Company's application for an order authorizing increases in the company's rates and charges for water service in the state of Idaho. Written comments also should contain this case number: Case No. FLS-W-20-03.

In addition to the mailing addresses and e-mail addresses above, written comments can be submitted through the commission's website at [www.puc.idaho.gov](http://www.puc.idaho.gov). Please click on the "Case Comment Form" link on the lower right side of the page and complete the comment form using this case number: FLS-W-20-03.

For additional information on Falls Water Company's application, please visit: [puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/6530](http://puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/6530).

## **Commission schedules telephonic hearing on proposed Falls Water Company rate increase**

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission will host a telephonic hearing on Jan. 14 to take testimony regarding an application from Falls Water Company to raise the rates it charges for water service. Falls Water provides municipal water service to a portion of Bonneville County east of Idaho Falls and north of Ammon.

Falls Water proposes to raise rates between 11.2 percent and 27.3 percent, depending on the rate class customers are in. The customers affected are classified as residential, multi-family or commercial. In addition, the size of the meter determines how much rates would increase. For example, if the application was approved, residential 1" meter customers would see an increase of 23.8 percent, increasing their average bill from \$27.86 to \$34.49. Company revenues would increase by \$344,175. This represents a 19.12 percent increase.

The commission will host a telephonic hearing on Thursday, Jan. 14, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. (MST). To participate, please call 1-800-920-7487, and enter confirmation code 667 4832# when prompted.

Those interested in submitting written comments on the application can do so. Written comments must contain a statement of reasons supporting them. Comments can be mailed or e-mailed to:

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For additional information on Falls Water Company's application, please visit: [puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/6530](http://puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/6530).

## Commission issues decision on proposed Falls Water rate increase

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission issued a decision on Falls Water's application to increase rates for its customers. Falls Water provides municipal water service to a portion of Bonneville County east of Idaho Falls and north of Ammon.

Falls Water asked to raise rates between 11.2 percent and 27.3 percent, depending on the rate class a customer is in. Falls Water requested to raise its rates to recover revenues of \$2,144,602. The commission found it fair, just and reasonable to increase the company's base charges 5.6 percent and to increase the commodity charge to \$0.917 from \$0.689. The commission approved annual revenues of \$2,112,749 for Falls Water.

The commission found most of Falls Water's requested rate increase to be well justified. Falls Water's rates were last raised in 2012 in Case No. FLS-W-12-01. The commission approved Falls Water's request to raise its employees' salaries in order to provide competitive compensation and be able to attract, train, and retain qualified employees that can safely and efficiently operate the water system. The commission lowered Falls Water's return on equity to 10.2 percent from 10.5 percent in recognition of the better access to capital that is available to a subsidiary of NW Natural Holdings, and to reflect the lower costs of capital available today. The commission found the back office functions performed by Falls Water's parent company to be cost-effective and reasonably allocated among subsidiaries of NW Natural Holdings.