

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
Falls Water Company, Inc.	6,193	Ammon
Gem State Water	547	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
Sunbeam Water Company	22	American Falls
Teton Water and Sewer Company, LLC	297	Driggs
Veolia Idaho	101,206	Boise

THE FOLLOWING ARE PRESS RELEASES FROM THE COMMISSION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022

SUEZ Water Idaho (now known as Veolia Idaho)

Commission approves proposed settlement agreement allowing SUEZ Water Idaho to acquire Eagle Water Company

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has approved a settlement agreement that spells out the terms allowing SUEZ Water Idaho to acquire the assets of Eagle Water Company.

The Commission found that the asset acquisition and settlement are in the public interest, and that customers of both utilities will benefit from the acquisition. For SUEZ customers, the acquisition allows SUEZ to prospectively avoid about \$11.2 million in future water supply and other expenses. For Eagle Water customers, SUEZ represents a capable system operator with access to capital that can be invested in much-needed system upgrades.

SUEZ said it plans to make \$14.6 million in capital improvements in the Eagle Water system during the next five years. Improvements include interconnecting to the Redwood Creek pipeline, building a new two-million-gallon water storage tank, adding a supervisory control and data acquisition system to allow 24-hour monitoring of the Eagle Water system to better control pumping operations, addressing delayed investment in safety upgrades, security investments, well cleaning, and distribution piping replacements.

SUEZ will be entitled to an acquisition adjustment amount of \$10,475,000 to be amortized over 40 years beginning at the implementation of rates in its next rate case. The approved settlement agreement also directs Eagle Water to refund approximately \$592,020 to existing customers of the utility. The refund is intended to offset all or part of a first-year rate increase for existing Eagle Water customers who were customers on the day the acquisition was approved by the Commission, Dec. 9.

The Commission approved a seven-year phased increase in rates for existing Eagle Water customers. Beginning 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 customers' phase-in rates will increase by approximately 8.33 percent until their rates are 100 percent of SUEZ's approved rates.

The rate increase for existing 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 seven-year phase-in is only available to existing Eagle Water customers. New customers starting service or connecting to service in the present Eagle Water service territory will pay current SUEZ rates when beginning service.

The Commission found the rates across the seven-year schedule to be just, reasonable and in the public interest. Because of the transaction, Eagle Water customers will receive water service that meets standards set by state regulatory agencies and enhanced customer service.

SUEZ, Eagle Water, and Commission Staff signed the settlement agreement that was approved by the Commission. Other parties involved in settlement negotiations did not sign on to the agreement.

For additional information on the approved settlement and the case, please visit: puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/3610.

Gem State Water

Commission will host workshop on Nov. 15 regarding Gem State Water application to change rates

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission is holding a public workshop on Nov. 15 to share information regarding an application from Gem State Water Company to change its rates for water service.

The workshop will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Pacific Time at the Molstead Library building's Todd Lecture Hall on the North Idaho College Campus, 1000 West Garden Avenue, Coeur d'Alene.

If the application is approved by the Commission, monthly rates for customers would change based on the diameter of their water meter and the water system they belong to. For example, Spirit Lake

East customers (including customers formerly of the Lynnwood Estates Subdivision, would see a monthly increase from \$25.55 to \$35.00. Bar Circle "S" customers (including customers formerly of Diamond Bar), would see a decrease from \$41.00 per month to \$35.00 per month.

This is the first general rate case for Gem State Water. The utility consists of Bitterroot Water Company, Bar Circle "S" Water Company, Spirit Lake East Water, Happy Valley Water Systems, Troy Hoffman Water Corporation, Diamond Bar Estates and Lynnwood Estates Subdivision. Rate increases were approved for individual companies from 2006 through 2019.

Gem State requested an effective date of Sept. 1, 2022. This was suspended by Order No. 35498, which said the proposed rate changes were suspended for 30 days plus five months or until the public utilities Commission issues an earlier order accepting, rejecting, or modifying the proposed rate changes.

The rate changes would increase Gem State's revenue by \$402,000, which represents an increase of 69.9 percent. The public utilities Commission may approve, reject, or modify the proposed rates and charges and may find rates and charges different from those proposed are just, fair and reasonable.

For more information on Gem State Water's application, please visit: <https://puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/6894>.