

DECISION MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: GROUSE POINT WATER COMPANY, LLC, RATE CASE;
CASE NO. GPW-W-17-01

On February 22, 2017, Grouse Point Water Company applied to the Commission for authority to increase its monthly base rate from \$22/month to \$113.86/month (418%), and to increase its consumptive charge for customers using over 8,000 gallons/month from \$0.50/1,000 gallons of use to \$5.00/1,000 gallons of use (900%). The Company also proposes a new consumptive charge of \$1.83/1,000 gallons of use under 8,000 gallons/month. Grouse Point asks for the new rates to take effect on April 15, 2017.

THE APPLICATION

Grouse Point is a limited liability corporation providing water service to 24 customers in the Kuna, Idaho area. The Company's existing tariff is a simple base rate with a uniform single-block structure approved by the Commission in December 2003. Order No. 29402.

In its Application, the Company claims its existing rates are not adequate to cover even half of the operational and maintenance expenses, do not recognize significant capital improvements made since the last rate case, and that they must be increased to continue operating. The Company plans to notify its customers about the proposed rate increases by distributing bill stuffers over the March 2017 billing cycle, and through a news release in the *Idaho Statesman*.

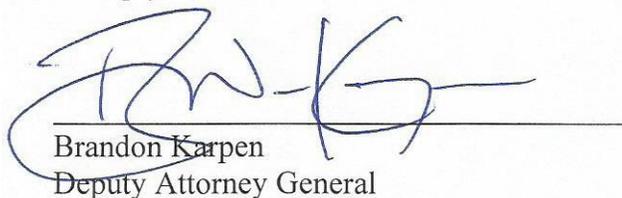
STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission issue a Notice of Application that suspends the April 15, 2017 effective date, for a period of 30 days plus 5 months. *See Idaho Code* § 61-622(4). Under that proposal, the suspended tariffs would go into effect on October 15, 2017.

Staff further recommends that the Commission set a 21-day intervention deadline, and order that once the intervention deadline has passed, Staff informally confer with the parties about scheduling, discovery, and other matters that may arise.

COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission wish to issue a Notice of Application and Order that suspends Grouse Point's proposed April 15, 2017 effective date to October 15, 2017, establishes a 21-day intervention deadline, and directs Staff to informally confer with the parties about scheduling?



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