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**IDAHO SPRINGS WATER COMPANY, INC. NOTICE OF FILING
OF APPLICATION FOR FILING A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY AND TO ESTABLISH RATES
FOR WATER SERVICE**

Idaho Springs Water Company ("Company") filed an application with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") on February 5, 2008, Case No. ISW-W-08-01, requesting that the Commission grant it a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity under its authorities and to establish interim and permanent rates and charges for water service.

In the event the Commission grants the Company a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity it will become regulated by the Commission as a public utility and be required to comply with its authorities, including its Utility Customer Relations Rules which can be found on the Commission's website. <http://www.puc.state.id.us/Rules.htm>. Include with this filing is a summary of the rules and regulations which the Company proposes will govern its operations as a public utility.

In its Application, the Company requests authority to charge the fees for water service contained in the attached **Exhibit A** on an interim basis. As stated therein the Company wishes to continue to charge a monthly \$50.00 flat fee to residential customers for water service and a \$25.00 flat fee for connections where construction on residential dwellings is occurring but where no one is residing in said dwelling. The Company also requests interim authorization to charge a first time connection fee of \$2,500.00 and reconnection fees of \$35.00 during office hours Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and \$70.00 after office hours. The Company has requested that the Commission allow it to charge these fees for water service pending its final decision on what rates for water service should be set at for the Company's customers. The Company intends to propose rates and charges for residential customers based upon a combination of a fixed monthly customer charge and a variable charge based on consumptive use as measured by individual water meters. The Company roughly estimates that if the Commission ultimately approves the rates it will propose shortly a residential customer's monthly bill for water service will be between \$50.00 and \$100.00.

The proposed rates are necessary so that the Company can recover its costs and provide it with an opportunity to earn a return on its investments in water facilities which are providing service to customers. This is necessary for the Company to maintain a sound financial position so that it can provide safe and reliable service.

The request for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, request to establish interim and rates and charges for water service and request to establish final rates and charges for water service are proposals subject to public review and a Commission decision, which it may accept, modify or reject, in whole or in part, the proposed increases. A copy of the Application is on file and available for inspection at the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, 472 W. Washington Street, Boise, Idaho, and the Company's offices located at 660 E. Franklin Road, Suite 240, Meridian, Idaho 83642. The Application is also available on-line at the Commission's website: <http://www.puc.state.id.us/FILEROOM/water/water.htm>.

You can also file a comment on the Application via the Commission's website at: <http://www.puc.state.id.us/scripts/polyform.dll/ipuc>. Additionally, you can mail comments to:



Idaho Public Utilities Commission
P.O. Box 83720
Boise, Idaho 83720-0074; or

Idaho Springs Water Company, Inc.
P.O. Box 344
Meridian, Idaho 83642

In any comments filed with the Commission and also sent to the Company the Case No. of this matter, Case No. ISW-W-08-01, should be included.

Sincerely,

Idaho Springs Water Company, Inc.

Invoice

Arbor Ridge, LLC (Water Account)

P.O. Box 344

Meridian, ID 83680

(208) 888-9946, ext. 104

Date:	1/26/2008
Account #	017-001-W
Due Date:	2/22/2008

Property Address:

Larry Corson
11614 Dynamite Lane
Kuna, ID 83634

Bill To:

Larry Corson
11614 Dynamite Lane
Kuna, ID 83634

Date	Transaction	Amount	Balance
12/31/2007	Balance forward		50.00
01/09/2008	PMT #3049.	-50.00	0.00
02/22/2008	Amount Due		0.00

Detach Here. Retain this portion of your statement for your records. Please allow 7 to 10 days for postal delivery. For Customer Service of Billing Inquiries, Please call: (208) 888-9946, Ext. 104.

Larry Corson 11614 Dynamite Lane Kuna, ID 83634	Account #	Due Date
	017-001-W	2/22/2008
Remit U.S. funds payable to Arbor Ridge, LLC (Water Account). Please include your account number on your check.		Amount Due \$0.00
Arbor Ridge, LLC (Water Account) P.O. Box 344 Meridian, ID 83680		Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Idaho Springs Water Company, Inc.

660 E. Franklin, Suite 240

P.O. Box 344

Meridian, Idaho 83642

Phone (208)-888-9946 FAX (208) 888-9947

FINAL WATER SHUT-OFF NOTICE

Final Date _____

Name _____

Service address _____

Acct# _____

Account Balance \$ _____

You were recently notified that you are delinquent in the payment of charges for Water Service provided by Idaho Springs Water Company, Inc. The balance of your account according to our records, is indicated above.

In accordance with the rules and regulations of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, if this balance is not paid or if payment arrangements are not made by the Final Date shown above, then **YOUR WATER SERVICE WILL BE DISCONNECTED after the Final Date.**

To avoid termination you must contact Idaho Springs Water Company, Inc. before the Final Date to make a payment arrangement or pay in full. **Please call on weekdays between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm. The office is open on all weekdays except for any of the following holidays which may fall on a weekday: New Years Day, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and the day after and Christmas Day.**

Termination may be delayed by:

1. Providing a medical certificate advising us of the existence of a Medical Emergency.
2. Filing a complaint regarding the proposed termination with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, PO Box 83720, Boise, Idaho 83720-0074, (800) 432-0369. Service will not be terminated prior to resolution of a filed complaint.

Termination of service in no way relieves you of your obligation to pay for all services prior to termination.

Should service be terminated, a charge for restoration of service (**\$35.00 during office hours 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday thru Friday (subject to the holiday closings disclosed above), \$70.00 at all other times**) must be paid, plus the account balance prior to restoration of service.

Idaho Springs Company, Inc. will, one time, assist you by making payment arrangements not requiring immediate payment in full, if you contact us prior to the Final Date to arrange such a payment plan.

Remember, your water will be turned off after the Final Date unless you act before the Final Date.

**SUMMARY OF RULES AND REGULATIONS
OF THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
GOVERNING CUSTOMER RELATIONS OF
NATURAL GAS, ELECTRIC AND WATER PUBLIC UTILITIES**

A utility may terminate service to a customer without his/her permission after adequate notice for the following reasons:

1. Failure to pay an undisputed past due bill, or written or electronic payment drawn on an account with insufficient funds.
2. Failure to make security deposit where it is required.
3. Failure to abide by terms of a payment arrangement.
4. Customer or applicant misrepresented their identity for the purpose of obtaining utility service.
5. Customer or applicant denied or prevented the utility's access to the meter.
6. Willful waste of service through improper equipment or otherwise.
7. Customer or applicant is a minor not competent to contract as defined by Idaho Code.
8. Customer or applicant owes money on an existing or previous account.

A utility may deny or terminate service without prior notice to the customer or applicant and without his/her permission for one or more of the following reasons:

1. A situation exists that is immediately dangerous to life, physical safety or property.
2. The utility is ordered to terminate service by any court, the Commission or other duly authorized public authority.
3. The service is obtained, diverted or used without the authorization or knowledge of the utility.
4. The utility has attempted to notify the customer of termination, but has been unable to make contact.

NOTIFICATION

1. A billing may be considered past due fifteen (15) days after the billing date. A written notice of termination must be mailed at least seven (7) days before the proposed termination date.
2. At least twenty-four (24) hours before the service is terminated, another attempt shall be made to contact the customer in person or by telephone.
3. If service is not terminated within twenty-one (21) calendar days after the proposed termination date, another seven (7) day and twenty-four (24) hour notice is required.
4. No additional notice is required if upon receipt of a termination notice the customer makes a payment arrangement and fails to keep it or tenders a written or electronic payment drawn on an account with insufficient funds.

WHEN TERMINATION NOT ALLOWED

1. The past due billing is less than \$50 or two (2) months of service, whichever is less.
2. The unpaid billing is for service to another customer.
3. The unpaid bill results for the purchase of non-utility goods or services.
4. Terminations are not allowed on weekends or legal holidays.

MEDICAL EMERGENCY

1. If the customer or a member of the customer's family is seriously ill or has a medical emergency, the utility will postpone termination of service for thirty (30) days if a written certificate signed by a licensed physician or public health official is received.

An informal or formal complaint concerning the termination may be filed directly with the utility. If the customer is dissatisfied with the proposed resolution of the complaint, they may contact the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, P. O. Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0074. Toll free 1-800-432-0369 or on the web site: www.puc.state.id.us.

A complete set of customer Rules and Regulations are on file with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission and on its website.

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**GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS
FOR SMALL WATER UTILITIES**

1. GENERAL

1.1 The Customer, in receiving water service, and the Company, in providing water service, both agree to abide by these Rules and Regulations.

1.2 In the event that there is a conflict between the Company's Rules and Regulations and the Rules and Regulations Governing Customer Relations of Gas, Electric, and Water Public Utilities under the Jurisdiction of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, the Rules and Regulations of the Commission shall take precedence unless an exception has been granted.

1.3 Any additions, deletions or modifications to these General Rules and Regulations are to be made in the "Special Provisions" section attached as Attachment 1. Any such changes are subject to approval by the Commission prior to becoming effective.

2. DEFINITIONS

2.1 Billing Period - the period of time between bills from the Company for normal services rendered.

2.2 Commission - Idaho Public Utilities Commission.

2.3 Commodity Charge - Recurring charge based only on the quantity of water used.

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- 2.4 Company - water company.
- 2.5 Connection or Hook-Up Fee - non-recurring charge paid by a Customer requesting service for partial or full recovery of the Company's cost of providing a new service connection.
- 2.6 Contribution in Aid of Construction - non-recurring charge paid by a Customer or Developer to help defray the cost of system expansion.
- 2.7 Customer - a person, business or government agency responsible for paying bills and complying with the rules and regulations of the company.
- 2.8 Customer Charge - minimum recurring charge that does not include any water.
- 2.9 Fixed Rate - a recurring charge of a fixed amount, usually in an unmetered system.
- 2.10 Franchise Tax - tax imposed on a Company by a governmental entity for the privilege of doing business within its boundaries.
- 2.11 Minimum Charge - minimum recurring charge for a billing period that may or may not include a specified quantity of water.
- 2.12 Non-recurring Charges - charges that are not assessed each billing period.
- 2.13 Premises - a Customer's property including out buildings which are normally located on one lot or parcel of ground.

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- 2.14 Rate Structure - a schedule of all recurring and non-recurring charges of the company.
- 2.15 Reconnection Fee - charge paid by a Customer to the Company to restore service after its disconnection.
- 2.16 Recurring Charges - charges that are assessed each billing period.
- 2.17 Tariff - rate schedules and Rules and Regulations which govern the Company's service.

3. **SERVICE FOR NEW CUSTOMERS**

- 3.1 The Company shall furnish service to applicants within its service area under the jurisdiction of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission in accordance with rates and Rules and Regulations approved by the Commission.
- 3.2 Applicants for water service may be required to sign a standard form of service application.
- 3.3 The Company shall not be obligated to provide service at a service location until any required deposit or guarantee of payment has been received by the Company in accordance with the "Rules and Regulations Governing Customer Relations of Gas, Electric, and Water Public Utilities under the Jurisdiction of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission" attached and referred to herein as Utility Customer Relations Rules (UCRR).

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- 3.4 Special contracts may be required where large investments in special facilities are necessary to provide the requested service. The Company may require contribution toward such investment and establish such minimum charges as are deemed necessary. All such contracts are subject to the approval of the Commission.
- 3.5 The Company reserves the right to place limitations on the amount and character of water service it will supply and to refuse service to new Customers if, in its opinion:
- (a) The Company is required to refuse or limit service by regulatory authorities having jurisdiction over the Company.
 - (b) The requested service installation is of larger size than is necessary to properly serve the premises.
 - (c) The permanency of the building, structure, or institution requested to be served is such that the Company's investment in such service is jeopardized.
 - (d) The depth of the Customer's service line is less than the minimum depth required for frost protection.
 - (e) The Customer's proposed service, main or other appurtenance does not conform to good engineering design or meet the standard specifications of the Company.

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(f) The Customer refuses to agree to abide by the Rules and Regulations of the Company.

If the Company denies service to a potential Customer for any reason, it will immediately provide the applicant with a written explanation of its decision in accordance with UCRR.

4. DEPOSITS

4.1 Rules and Regulations regarding deposits to guarantee payment of bills can be found in Rules 101-109 UCRR.

5. RATES

5.1 Rates charged for water service and supply shall be those published in the Company's tariff and approved by the Idaho Public Utilities Commission.

6. BILLING AND PAYMENT

6.1 All Customers will be billed on a regular basis as identified on the applicable rate schedule.

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- 6.2 If the system is metered, the Company shall try to read the meters prior to each billing unless specified differently on the applicable rate schedule. If the Company's meter reader is unable to gain access to the premises to read the meter, or in the event the meter fails to register, the Company may estimate the Customer's water consumption for the current billing period based on known consumption for a prior similar period or average of several periods. Subsequent readings will automatically adjust for differences between estimated and actual. Estimated bills shall carry appropriate notice to that effect.
- 6.3 All bills shall clearly indicate the balance due and shall be due and payable no less than 15 days after the date rendered. All bills not paid by due date shall be considered delinquent and service may be disconnected subject to the provisions of UCRR.
- 6.4 The minimum bill or customer charge shall apply when service is provided for less than one month.
- 6.5 Owners of premises with one or more condominiums, buildings, stores, apartments or any other divisions of like or similar character, all of which are served from one (1) service connection are responsible for the entire water charges. If the owner desires to cease being responsible for water bills for such places and desires that the occupant of each division shall be responsible for her or her respective bill, such transfer of responsibility will not be accepted or recognized by the Company until the plumbing

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arrangements of the building or premises are so changed by the owner or his or her agent as to permit the Company, to its satisfaction, to serve each division or occupant separately from the other occupants in the same building.

6.6 Accounts will be continued and water bills rendered regularly until the Company has been duly notified to discontinue service.

7. **METERING (If Applicable)**

7.1 Meters will be installed by the Company near the Customer's property line or at any other reasonable location on the Customer's premises that is mutually agreed upon.

7.2 The Company's representative shall be given access to the Customer's premises at all reasonable hours for the purpose of obtaining meter readings. In the event of recurring inaccessibility, the Company, at its option, may relocate its metering equipment at the Customer's expense.

7.3 The Company is responsible for the maintenance of its metering equipment. Meters are considered to be sufficiently accurate if tests indicate that meter accuracy is within ± 2 percent. When for any reason a meter fails to register within these limits of accuracy, the Customer's use of water will be estimated on the basis of available data and charges will be adjusted accordingly. Corrected bills will then be sent out to the customer and additional payment or refund arrangements made in accordance with UCRR.

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