

## DECISION MEMORANDUM

**TO: COMMISSIONER KJELLANDER  
COMMISSIONER SMITH  
COMMISSIONER RAPER  
COMMISSION SECRETARY  
COMMISSION STAFF**

**FROM: DON HOWELL  
DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL**

**DATE: NOVEMBER 18, 2015**

**SUBJECT: UNITED WATER'S REQUEST TO CHANGE ITS CORPORATE NAME  
TO SUEZ WATER IDAHO INC., CASE NO. UWI-W-15-03**

On November 16, 2015, United Water Idaho filed a letter notice with the Commission Secretary indicating the water utility's desire to change its name to "SUEZ Water Idaho Inc." As outlined in the letter to the Commission Secretary, United Water Idaho's corporate parent SUEZ Group announced its intention to operate its various businesses under a single brand name: SUEZ. Accordingly, United Water amended its Articles of Incorporation with the Idaho Secretary of State changing the name of the Idaho utility to SUEZ Water Idaho Inc. effective November 9, 2015.

The letter notice further states that the Company intends to change its customer bills, signage, vehicle and uniform identifiers over the next several months. In addition, the Company will notify its customers of the name change beginning in November, which "will employ digital and print advertising, bill inserts, website and social media postings, and outdoor advertising." Letter at 1.

Separate correspondence from the utility's Vice President and General Manager, Gregory P. Wyatt, indicated that there would be "no change in existing control, ownership, corporate structure, operations or management, and no cost of the [name change] program will be passed on to customers." He also stated that the utility will continue to provide excellent service to Boise area customers.

As part of the notice filing, the utility included a complete copy of SUEZ Water Idaho's tariff schedules which indicate the name change. The tariff schedules have a proposed

effective date of December 22, 2015, and reflect the stipulated rates agreed to by the parties in the Company's pending general rate case, UWI-W-15-01.

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Because the name change does not affect rates and the cost of changing the name will not be borne by ratepayers, Staff recommends that the Commission acknowledge the name change and order the utility to submit a new Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 143 in the name of SUEZ Water Idaho Inc. United Water's Certificate No. 143 needs to be updated because it has been amended approximately 24 times since the Company's last name change (from Boise Water to United Water Idaho).

#### **COMMISSION DECISION**

1. Does the Commission accept the utility's proposal to change its name to SUEZ Water Idaho Inc.?
2. Does the Commission wish to order the utility to submit a consolidated Certificate No. 143 under the SUEZ Water Idaho Inc. name?



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Don Howell  
Deputy Attorney General

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November 16, 2015

***Via Electronic Filing***

Jean Jewell, Secretary  
Idaho Public Utilities Commission  
P.O.Box 83720  
472 W. Washington Street  
Boise, ID 83720-0074

Re: Corporate Name Change of the United Water Inc. Companies

Dear Secretary Jewell:

SUEZ Group ("SUEZ") is the ultimate corporate parent of United Water Inc. and the public utility subsidiary providing service in Idaho is United Water Idaho Inc. SUEZ is a global enterprise with over 80,000 employees operating in 70 countries under 50 different brands. Earlier this year, SUEZ announced that it intended to operate its various businesses under a single brand: SUEZ. Consistent with that effort, United Water Idaho Inc. is undergoing a name change. The purpose of this letter is to advise the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (the "IPUC") that the name change set out below became effective on November 9, 2015 with the Secretary of State of Idaho:

<b>COMPANY NAME</b>	<b>NEW COMPANY NAME</b>
United Water Idaho Inc.	SUEZ Water Idaho Inc.

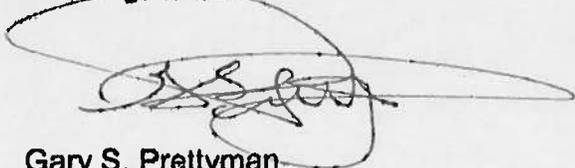
Corresponding changes will be made to bills, signage, vehicles and uniforms during the remainder of this year and early next year. SUEZ Water Idaho Inc. will notify its customers of the name change through an outreach program beginning in November, which will employ digital and print advertising, bill inserts, website and social media postings, and outdoor advertising. The name changes will have no impact on the Idaho customers, who will continue to receive water service under the same rates, terms and conditions as are currently in effect.

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Finally, so that the IPUC's records accurately reflect the name changes of SUEZ Water Idaho Inc., enclosed are copies of various materials filed with, and received from, the Idaho Secretary of State effectuating the name change as well as a copy of the bill insert that will be sent to customers. Additionally, also attached is a complete copy of SUEZ Water Idaho tariff which indicates the name changes and the effective date.

Based upon discussions with Staff, the attached Tariff also reflects the stipulated rates to become effective December 22, 2015. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding the name change or any of the attached materials.

Best regards,



Gary S. Prettyman  
Senior Director - Regulatory Business

GSP:dmv

cc: Donald L. Howell, II DAG  
Randy Lobb, Administrator  
Terri Carlock  
Beverly Barker  
Greg Wyatt  
Joe Miller



ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT  
(General Business)

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To the Secretary of State of the State of Idaho  
Pursuant to Title 30, Chapter 1, Idaho Code, the undersigned  
corporation amends its articles of incorporation as follows:

SECRETARY OF STATE  
STATE OF IDAHO

1. The name of the corporation is:  
UNITED WATER IDAHO INC.

If the corporation has been administratively dissolved and the corporate name is no longer available for use, the amendment(s) below must include a change of corporate name.

2. The text of each amendment is as follows:

The Articles of Incorporation of the Corporation are hereby amended by striking out Article 1 thereof and by substituting in lieu of said Article the following new Article as adopted:

1. The name of the corporation shall be SUEZ Water Idaho Inc.

3. The date of adoption of the amendment(s) was: October 1, 2015

4. Manner of adoption (check one):

The amendment consists exclusively of matters which do not require shareholder action pursuant to section 30-1-1002, 30-1-1005 and 30-1-1006, Idaho Code, and was, therefore, adopted by the board of directors.

None of the corporation's shares have been issued and was, therefore, adopted by the  incorporator  board of directors.

Approval by the shareholders is required and the shareholders duly approved the amendment(s) as required by either Title 30, Idaho Code or by the Articles of Incorporation.

Customer Acct. #:

(if using pre-paid account)

Secretary of State use only

Dated: 11/2/15

Signed: [Signature]

Typed Name: John T. Dillon

Capacity: Secretary

Idaho Secretary of State  
1600 West Park  
Boise, Idaho 83720

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**United Water  
is now SUEZ**





**70 countries.  
50 companies.  
1 focus—you.**

Globally, our demand for natural resources will more than double our current supply. If we don't start working towards a solution now, it will be too late.

That's why SUEZ is consolidating our businesses around a single mission—preparing for the resource revolution. By pooling our resources today, we're able to bring a global network to work on a local level. We do this so you can continue to enjoy the great water and service you do today, for many years to come.

**Thinking Ahead** | Learn more at [mysuezwater.com](http://mysuezwater.com)



GREGORY P. WYATT  
Vice President and General Manager

**UNITED WATER IDAHO INC.**  
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BOISE, ID 83709  
TEL 208-362-1300

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October 19, 2015

Commissioner Paul Kjellander  
Idaho Public Utilities Commission  
P.O. Box 83720  
472 W. Washington Street  
Boise, ID 83720-0074

Dear Commissioner Paul Kjellander :

I am pleased to inform you that effective November 9, 2015 the name of **United Water Idaho Inc.** will be changed to **SUEZ Water Idaho Inc.**

Corresponding changes will be made to bills, signage, vehicles and uniforms during the remainder of this year and early next year. Tariff filings reflecting the name change will also be made.

This is part of a Suez program to unify a complex global multi-brand structure that currently does not enable customers to adequately identify the Company as a water and waste services solutions provider. Our customers will be notified of the name change through an outreach program beginning in early November, which will employ digital and print advertising, bill inserts, website and social media postings, and outdoor advertising. Meetings with your Staff are being scheduled to fully explain the name change and the timeline in detail.

This is a change of name only. There is no change in existing control, ownership, corporate structure, operations or management, and no costs of the program will be passed on to customers. Most importantly, there will be no change in the excellent utility service we provide to the Boise area customers every day.

SUEZ Water Idaho looks forward to continuing its great relationships with you, your Staff, our customers, and other stakeholders under this new name. If you or your Staff has any questions, please contact me. Thank you.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gregory P. Wyatt', is written over the typed name.

Gregory P. Wyatt  
Vice President and General Manager