

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE INTEREST RATE)
ON DEPOSITS COLLECTED FROM) CASE NO. GNR-U-15-01
CUSTOMERS OF GAS, ELECTRIC,)
TELEPHONE AND WATER PUBLIC)
UTILITIES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2016) ORDER NO. 33426
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The Commission’s Customer Relations Rules for Gas, Electric and Water Utilities (IDAPA 31.21.01.106) and the Customer Relations Rules for Telephone Companies (IDAPA 31.41.01.104) both provide for the payment of interest on customer deposits. Pursuant to both of these rule sets, the interest rate on deposits is determined by calculating the 12-month average interest rate for one-year treasury bills for the previous November 1 through October 31. The resulting rate is then rounded to the nearest whole percent. The calculated rate will be in effect for the following calendar year.

Using the weekly rates as posted by the U.S. Department of Treasury, the average interest rate for one-year treasury bills for the 12-month period from November 1, 2014 through October 31, 2015, is 0.26%. Consistent with our previous findings, we accept Staff’s position that zero is not a “whole percent” interest rate. Accordingly, public utilities shall pay 1.0% annual interest on all customer deposits held pursuant to IDAPA Rules 31.21.01.106 and 31.41.01.104 for calendar year 2016. This interest rate is the same as the interest rate for the years 2010 through 2015.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that 1.0% annual interest shall be paid during calendar year 2016 on customer deposits held by gas, electric, water, and telephone companies subject to this Commission’s jurisdiction under IDAPA 31.21.01.106 and 31.41.01.104. The Commission Secretary shall serve this Order upon all public utilities operating within Idaho.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the rate on deferred accounts using the customer deposit rate during calendar year 2016 shall be 1.0%.

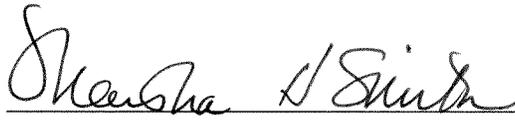
THIS IS A FINAL ORDER. Any person interested in this Order may petition for reconsideration within twenty-one (21) days of the service date of this Order. Within seven (7)

days after any person has petitioned for reconsideration, any other person may cross-petition for reconsideration. See *Idaho Code* §§ 61-626 and 62-619.

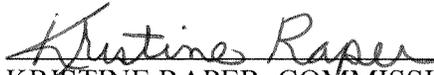
DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 7th day of December 2015.



PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT



MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER



KRISTINE RAPER, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:



Jean D. Jewell
Commission Secretary

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