

**BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION )**  
**OF DIAMOND BAR ESTATES WATER )** **CASE NO. DIA-W-07-01**  
**COMPANY FOR AN INCREASE IN RATES )**  
**AND CHARGES FOR WATER SERVICE IN )**  
**THE STATE OF IDAHO )** **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
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On April 13, 2007, Diamond Bar Estates Water Company filed an Application to increase the rates and charges for the water service it provides to its customers. The Company requested an effective date for the new rates and charges of June 1, 2007. The Commission suspended the requested effective date and authorized the use of Modified Procedure to process the Company's Application, setting a comment deadline of August 10, 2007. Order No. 30311. A public workshop was held on June 20, 2007. Written comments were filed by Commission Staff as well as several customers.

According to the Company's Application it is seeking authority to: (1) increase the water rates it charges customers by approximately 87.44%; (2) increase the fees for the first-time installation of a meter to serve a new customer from \$200 to \$310; and (3) implement a new customer connection charge of either \$2,500 or \$5,500 where a service line to the property does not currently exist. According to the Company's customer notice it is proposing to increase the base monthly charge for the first 7,500 gallons of water from \$21.00 per month to \$50.00 per month. Additionally, the Company proposes to increase the charge for water usage in excess of 7,500 gallons per month from \$0.45 to \$0.52 per 1,000 gallons.

Commission Staff filed comments in this matter regarding its audit of the Company and the issues raised by the Company's Application to increase its rates and charges. In its comments Staff recommended, among other things, an increase in the Company's rates to \$29.00 per month with a commodity charge of \$0.73 per 1,000 gallons of usage over 4,000 gallons per month.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a public hearing has been scheduled for **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2007, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE RATHDRUM SENIOR CENTER LOCATED AT 8037 WEST MONTANA STREET (CORNER OF MONTANA STREET AND HIGHWAY 41) RATHDRUM, IDAHO.** The purpose of this public hearing

will be for the Commission to take the direct testimony of customers and interested members of the public. Testimony will be recorded and made part of the Commission's formal record for decision in this matter. The Company's customers and any other interested members of the public are encouraged to attend and give testimony.

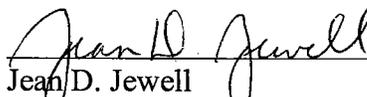
YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the hearing in this matter will be conducted pursuant to the Rules of Procedure adopted by the Idaho Public Utilities Commission. IDAPA 31.01.01.000 *et seq.*

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company's Application and exhibits, as well as the comments of Commission Staff, have been filed with the Commission and are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission offices. The Application and exhibits, as well as Staff's comments, are also available on the Commission's Website at [www.puc.idaho.gov](http://www.puc.idaho.gov) by clicking on "File Room" and then "Water Cases."

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all workshops and hearings in this matter will be held in facilities meeting the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Persons needing the help of a sign language interpreter or other assistance in order to participate in or to understand testimony and argument at a public hearing may ask the Commission to provide a sign language interpreter or other assistance at the hearing. The request for assistance must be received at least five (5) working days before the hearing by contacting the Commission Secretary at:

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DATED at Boise, Idaho this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August 2007.

  
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Commission Secretary

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