

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
FALLS WATER COMPANY, INC. FOR)
AUTHORITY TO INCREASE ITS RATES AND)
CHARGES.)
) **CASE NO. FLS-W-03-01**
) **NOTICE OF PUBLIC**
) **WORKSHOP AND HEARING**
) **NOTICE OF MODIFIED**
) **PROCEDURE**
) **NOTICE OF COMMENT**
) **DEADLINE**
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On July 25, 2003, Falls Water Company (Falls Water; Company), an Idaho not-for-profit corporation and holder of Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 236, filed an Application with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (Commission) requesting authority to increase its revenue requirement by \$129,564.25 (38%). As set forth in its Application, the proposed increase reflects the increased costs of maintenance and replacement of aging infrastructure and improving its customer service response.

If the proposed increase is approved, metered residential customers of Falls Water would experience an average monthly increase of \$6.39 (46%). Metered commercial customers would experience an average monthly increase of \$15.96 (79%). Unmetered residential customers would experience a monthly increase of \$4.27 (31%). Multi-family residential customers would experience an average monthly decrease of \$9.99 (-73%) per unit.

On August 21, 2003, the Commission issued a Notice of Application in Case No. FLS-W-03-01 and in Order No. 29317 suspended the Company's proposed October 15, 2003, effective date.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Commission has reviewed the filings of record in Case No. FLS-W-03-01. The Commission is informed that Staff has completed its audit of the Company's financial records and inspection of the Company's physical plant. Based

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on Staff procedural recommendations, the Commission has preliminarily determined that the public interest regarding the Company's Application to increase rates and charges may not require a technical hearing to consider the issues presented, and that issues raised by the Application may be processed under **Modified Procedure**, i.e., by written submission rather than by hearing. Reference Commission Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201-204. Additionally, the Commission finds it reasonable to schedule a public workshop and to appoint a hearing examiner to obtain public testimony.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company's Application to increase its rates is merely a proposal subject to public review and Commission approval.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has jurisdiction over this matter and Falls Water Company, a water utility, pursuant to the authority and power granted under Title 61 of the Idaho Code and the Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.000 *et seq.*

PUBLIC WORKSHOP AND HEARING

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has scheduled the following public workshop and hearing in this matter:

Idaho Falls on Wednesday, October 8, 2003 at the Idaho Falls Council Chambers located at 140 South Capital Avenue. The **public workshop will begin at 6:00 p.m.** and the **public hearing will begin at 7:00 p.m.**

The public workshop will offer the public and customers of Falls Water an opportunity to meet with the Commission Staff, ask questions and receive information. Following the workshop, a hearing examiner appointed by the Commission will conduct a hearing to obtain public testimony on Falls Water Company's Application.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the workshop and hearing 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 hearing and workshop 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

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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:

IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
PO BOX 83720
BOISE, IDAHO 83720-0074
(208) 334-0338 (Telephone)
(208) 334-3762 (FAX)
E-Mail: secretary@puc.state.id.us

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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that in addition to the public workshop and hearing, the Commission solicits written comments regarding the requested increase in rates and charges. Any person desiring to state a position on Falls Water's proposed rate increase may file a **written comment** with the Commission no later than **Thursday, October 30, 2003**. See IDAPA 31.01.01.202.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Falls Water Company may file **reply comments** no later than **Friday November 14, 2003**.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that written comments concerning Case No. FLS-W-03-01 should be mailed to the Commission and to Falls Water at the addresses reflected below.

COMMISSION SECRETARY
IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
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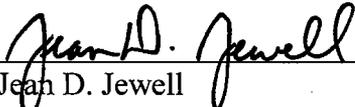
These comments should contain the case caption and case number shown on the first page of this document.

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Persons desiring to submit comments via e-mail may do so by accessing the Commission's home page located at www.puc.state.id.us. Click the "Comments and Questions" icon, and complete the comment form, using the case number as it appears on the front of this document. These comments must also be sent to the Company at the e-mail address listed above.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application in Case No. FLS-W-03-01 can be reviewed during regular business hours at the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, 472 West Washington Street, Boise, Idaho and at the office of Falls Water Company, 2025 East First Street, Idaho Falls, Idaho (Telephone: 208-522-1300). In addition, the Application may be viewed by accessing the Commission's website at www.puc.state.id.us under the "File Room" icon and selecting the appropriate topic heading.

DATED at Boise, Idaho this *22nd* day of September 2003.



Jean D. Jewell
Commission Secretary

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