

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION) **CASE NO. FLS-W-12-01**
OF FALLS WATER COMPANY FOR AN)
ORDER AUTHORIZING INCREASES IN) **NOTICE OF**
THE COMPANY'S RATES AND CHARGES) **PUBLIC WORKSHOP**
FOR WATER SERVICE)
) **NOTICE OF**
) **MODIFIED PROCEDURE**
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) **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**
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) **ORDER NO. 32487**

On January 30, 2012, Falls Water Company applied to the Commission for authority to increase its total revenue requirement by \$295,059.75, or 26.52%. Application at 1, 4. With this Order, the Commission schedules a public informational workshop on this matter in Idaho Falls, orders that the case proceed under Modified Procedure, and schedules a public hearing.

BACKGROUND

With this Application, the Company proposes to increase its metered rates and reduce the included maximum gallons allowed as follows:

Meter Size	Current Rate	Proposed Rate	% Change
3/4" or smaller	\$16.10 for up to 12,000 gallons	\$19.18 for up to 5,000 gallons	19.1% increase
1"	\$22.54 for up to 17,000 gallons	\$26.85 for up to 7,000 gallons	19.2% increase
1½"	\$28.98 for up to 22,000 gallons	\$34.52 for up to 9,000 gallons	19.1% increase
2"	\$37.03 for up to 28,000 gallons	\$44.11 for up to 12,000 gallons	19.1% increase
4"	\$66.01 for up to 49,000 gallons	\$78.64 for up to 20,000 gallons	19.1% increase
Commodity Rate per 1,000 gallons	\$0.611	\$0.67	9.7% increase

Id. at 2 and 4. The Company says the average 3/4" metered-customer's bill will increase 26.8%; the average 1" metered-customer's bill will increase 24.3%; the average 1 ½" metered-customer's bill will increase 26.1%; the average 2" metered-customer's bill will increase 27.8%; and the average 4" metered-customer's bill will increase 28.1%. *Id.* at 4-5. The Company says its proposal decreases the ratio of base charges from 66% to 65% and increases the ratio of commodity charges from 34% to 35%. *Id.* at 5. The Company also says the proposed rate design will produce \$1,407,749.70 in

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revenues, which is within \$78.59 of the \$1,407,671.11 revenue requirement, and that the average customer's bill will increase by 26.8%. *Id.*

In Order No. 32467, the Commission issued a Notice of Application, set a March 7, 2012 intervention deadline, and suspended the Company's proposed rates for a period of 30 days plus five months. No one petitioned for intervention. Accordingly, the only parties to the case are the Company and Staff.

Pursuant to the Commission's direction, Staff and the Company reached agreement on how the case should be processed and on a proposed schedule. The parties recommended that the rate case be processed under Modified Procedure with the Commission holding a public hearing in Idaho Falls. The parties proposed and we adopt the following schedule.

Action	Date
Public workshop in Idaho Falls	April 10, 2012
Staff comments due	June 15, 2012
Falls Water reply comments due	June 29, 2012
Public hearing in Idaho Falls	July 10, 2012

NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that Commission Staff will hold a public workshop for the Company's customers. The purpose of the public workshop is to provide customers with an overview of the Company's proposed rate increase and dispense information. At the workshop, customers will have an opportunity to ask questions of Staff regarding the Company's rate case. Representatives of the Company may also be available. Staff will hold its public workshop on **TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2012 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE AMMON CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 2135 S. AMMON ROAD, AMMON, ID 83406.**

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application, supporting workpapers, and exhibits have been filed with the Commission and are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission offices. The Application and workpapers are also available on the Commission's web site at www.puc.idaho.gov by clicking on "File Room" and then "Water Cases."

NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has determined that the public interest may not require a formal hearing in this matter, and that the Commission will proceed under Modified Procedure pursuant to Rules 201 through 204 of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201 through .204. The Commission notes that Modified Procedure (with written comments) and a public hearing have proven to be an effective means for obtaining public input and participation in cases of this nature.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that any person desiring to state a position on this Application may file a written comment in support or opposition with the Commission **by June 15, 2012**. The comment must contain a statement of reasons supporting the comment. Persons desiring a hearing must specifically request a hearing in their written comments. Written comments concerning this Application shall be mailed to the Commission and the Applicant at the addresses reflected below:

Commission Secretary
Idaho Public Utilities Commission
PO Box 83720
Boise, ID 83720-0074

K. Scott Bruce
Falls Water Company, Inc.
2180 North Deborah Drive
Idaho Falls, ID 83401
E-Mail: scott1@fallswater.com

Street Address for Express Mail:

472 W. Washington Street
Boise, ID 83702-5918

These comments should contain the case caption and case number shown on the first page of this document. Persons desiring to submit comments via e-mail may do so by accessing the Commission's home page located at www.puc.idaho.gov. 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 Applicant at the e-mail address listed above.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if no written comments or protests are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider this matter on its merits and enter its Order without a formal hearing. If written comments are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider them and, in its discretion, may set the same for formal hearing.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission will convene a public hearing in this matter. The purpose of the public hearing is to take testimony from members of the public and customers of Falls Water. The public hearing will convene on **TUESDAY, JULY 10, 2012 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE AMMON CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 2135 S. AMMON ROAD, AMMON, ID 83406.**

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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BOISE, IDAHO 83720-0074
(208) 334-0338 (Telephone)
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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this case will be held pursuant to the Commission's jurisdiction under Title 61 of the Idaho Code and that the Commission may enter any final Order consistent with its authority under Title 61.


YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this matter will be conducted pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.000 *et seq.*

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the parties comply with the case schedule set out in the body of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this case be processed under Modified Procedure with a public hearing. Interested persons may file written comments by June 15, 2012, or may testify at the public hearing set out above.


DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 16th
day of March 2012.


PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT


MACK A. REDFORD, COMMISSIONER


MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:


Jean D. Jewell
Commission Secretary

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