

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)
OF MORNING VIEW WATER COMPANY) **CASE NO. MNV-W-16-02**
FOR A DEFERRED ACCOUNTING ORDER)
) **NOTICE OF APPLICATION**
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) **NOTICE OF**
) **MODIFIED PROCEDURE**
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) **ORDER NO. 33783**

On October 13, 2016, Morning View Water Company (“Morning View” or “Company”) provided a letter to the Commission requesting approval to defer and recoup costs related to a well system failure and flood. The Company requested an Accounting Order allowing it to defer and record the costs with an opportunity to recover those costs as soon as possible.

With this Order, the Commission provides notice of the Application, and invites interested persons to submit written comments.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that Morning View had a well system failure and flood on October 6, 2016. The Company states it believes the system failure and flood were due to the malfunction of a newly installed well system. The Company states that a security feature failed to alert the Company’s owners of the well system’s attempt to operate at low pressure. As a result, the well continued to pump at high pressure, causing a service pipe to blow out, in turn causing damage to the well system, pump house and other equipment. Application at 1.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company incurred certain costs as a result of the well system failure and resulting flood. Based on a letter the Company provided the Commission on December 6, 2016, the Company indicated it was pursuing warranties and guarantees from the designers and installers of the well system, to offset potentially recoverable costs. However, no further information was provided. Therefore, on April 13, 2017, Commission Staff filed discovery in this matter, requesting potential deferred expenditures, future expenses, employee costs related to the failure, updated warranty and legal action information, engineering schematics and data, and a variety of other information for Staff to better understand the scope of

the Company's pending request. The Company responded to Staff's discovery request on May 8, 2017. Staff now believes the Company has provided enough information to reasonably initiate these proceedings.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that with this Application, the Company asks the Commission to approve an accounting treatment that would let the Company defer the Company's prudent costs related to the well system failure and flood until its next general rate case.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application and its exhibits have been filed with the Commission and are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission offices. All documents related to this matter are also available on the Commission's web site at www.puc.idaho.gov. Click on the "File Room" tab at the top of the page, scroll down to "Water Cases" and click on the case numbers as shown in the caption of this Order.

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 specifically *Idaho Code* §§ 61-501 and -524. 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.*

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 it will proceed under Modified Procedure pursuant to Rules 201 through 204 of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission's Rules of Procedure. *See* IDAPA 31.01.01.201 through .204. The Commission notes that Modified Procedure and written comments have proven to be an effective means for obtaining public input and participation.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that any person desiring to state a position on the Company's Application may file a written comment in support or opposition with the Commission **no later than 21 days from the service date of this Order**. 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 the Application shall be mailed to the Commission and the Company at the addresses reflected below:

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

Nolan Gneiting, President
Morning View Water Company
PO Box 598
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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 Order. Persons desiring to submit comments via e-mail may do so by accessing the Commission's home page located at www.puc.idaho.gov. Scroll to the "Consumers" tab, click the "Utility Case Comment or Question Form," and complete the 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 addresses listed above.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company shall file reply comments, if necessary, **no later than 28 days from the service date of this Order.**

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.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this case be processed under Modified Procedure. Interested persons may file written comments no later 21 days from the service date of this Order. The Company may file a reply, if any, no later than 28 days from the service date of this Order.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this *8th*
day of June 2017.



PAUL KJELLÄNDER, PRESIDENT




KRISTINE RAPER, COMMISSIONER



ERIC ANDERSON, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:



Diane M. Hanian
Commission Secretary

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