

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
MURRAY WATER WORKS TO INCREASE ITS) CASE NO. MUR-W-03-1
CONNECTION FEE.)
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) NOTICE OF APPLICATION
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) NOTICE OF MODIFIED
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) NOTICE OF COMMENT
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) ORDER NO. 29250**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Murray Water Works system serves the original town site of Murray located on National Forest Highway No. 9 in Shoshone County, Idaho. Murray is situated on Pritchard Creek approximately 16 miles northeast of the City of Wallace near the Montana border. The public system predates the Commission and serves approximately 30 residential customers. The system changed ownership last year and the Commission issued Mr. and Mrs. Arlen Lish Certificate No. 404 on September 25, 2002. Order No. 29119.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the new owners accepted the tariffs that were in place at the time ownership was transferred. The Company has since reviewed the tariffs relative to the operation of the system, and more specifically, the cost to install a new service connection. The current connection fee is \$125 for materials, and the customer can either install their own service or pay the Company \$25 per hour for the installation.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that even though the Company does not anticipate any new connections in the near future, Murray Water Works now requests that its connection fee tariff be revised for two reasons. First, the Company wishes to eliminate the ability of customers to install their own service connections. The Company owns and is responsible for the maintenance of the utility mains and services to the property lines. Therefore, the Company wants to retain control of the method of installation for mains and services. Second, the Company reports that the cost to install a new service is greater than the connection fee the tariff

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presently recovers. Consequently, the Company requests the connection fee be increased from \$125 and \$25 per hour for the installation to a flat fee of \$800.

NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has preliminarily determined that the public interest regarding the proposed sale may not require a hearing to consider the issues presented and that the issues raised by the Application may be processed under **Modified Procedure**, i.e., by written submission rather than by hearing. Commission Rules of Procedure 201-204, IDAPA 31.01.01.201-204.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission may not hold a hearing in this proceeding unless it receives written protests or comments opposing the use of Modified Procedure and stating why Modified Procedure should not be used. IDAPA 31.01.01.203.

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.*

NOTICE OF COMMENT DEADLINE

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 no later than **Friday, June 27, 2003**. 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	Arlen Lish
Idaho Public Utilities Commission	Murray Water Works
PO Box 83720	Box 117
Boise, ID 83720-0074	Kingston, ID 83839

Street Address for Express Mail:

472 W. Washington Street
Boise, ID 83702-5983

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.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.

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.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application together with supporting workpapers have been filed with the Commission and are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission offices located at 472 West Washington Street, Boise, Idaho. The Application and supporting workpapers are also available on the Commission's Website at www.puc.state.id.us under the "File Room" icon.

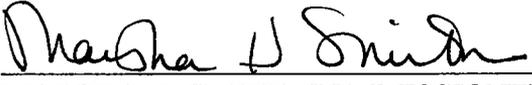
ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this Application be processed under Modified Procedure. Persons interested in submitting written comments regarding this Application or protesting the use of Modified Procedure should do so no later than June 27, 2003.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 29th
day of May 2003.



PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT



MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER



DENNIS S. HANSEN, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:



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Commission Secretary

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