



IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Case No. MUR-W-03-1, Order No. 29294

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**Murray Water gets increase in connection fees**

BOISE – The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has approved a request by Murray Water Works to increase its connection fee to \$800. The company also requested that only its representatives be allowed to install and maintain service connections.

The water company, 16 miles northeast of Wallace, was sold last year to Mr. and Mrs. Arlen Lish. Under the former tariff, the company's approximate 30 households on the system were charged a connection fee of \$125, plus \$25 per hour if they wished to have the company install the service connections.

The \$800 hook-up fee is cost-based, the commission said, and will recover the company's reasonable expenses to extend services to new customers. The company does not anticipate new connections in the near future.

"Given that other water utilities charge comparable hookup fees, the commission further finds the company's proposed increase to be fair, just and equitable," the commission said.

A full text of the commission's order is on the commission's Web site at [www.puc.state.id.us](http://www.puc.state.id.us). Click on "File Room," then on "Recent Orders and Notices," and scroll down to Order No. 29294.

Interested parties may petition the commission for reconsideration by no later than Aug. 5. Petitions for reconsideration must set forth specifically why the petitioner contends that the order is unreasonable, unlawful or erroneous. Petitions should include a statement of the nature and quantity of evidence the petitioner will offer if reconsideration is granted.

Petitions can be delivered to the commission at 472 W. Washington St. in Boise, mailed to P.O. Box 83720, Boise, ID, 83720-0074, or faxed to 208-334-3762.

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