BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF MURRAY WATER WORKS SYSTEMS FOR AUTHORITY TO INCREASE ITS RATES AND CHARGES FOR WATER SERVICE

CASE NO. MUR-W-10-01 ORDER NO. 31065

On January 13, 2010, Murray Water Works Systems ("Murray Water" or "Company") filed an Application requesting authority from the Commission to increase its rates and charges for water service. The Application did not include an effective date for the proposed increase in rates and charges.

On February 25, 2010, the Commission issued a Notice of Application and Notice of Modified Procedure establishing a 60-day comment period. On April 13, 2010, Staff conducted a public workshop in Murray, Idaho to discuss the Company's filing. On March 5, 2010, Staff submitted a total of 31 production requests to Murray Water. The deadline for responses to the production requests was March 26, 2010.

On April 22, 2010, Staff submitted a Motion to Compel Responses to Production Requests and Extension of Comment Period Deadline.

STAFF'S MOTION

On April 22, 2010, Staff submitted a Motion requesting a Commission Order compelling Murray Water to submit full and complete responses to Staff's Production Requests. Staff states that it has been in contact with Murray Water's sole proprietor, Mr. Arlen Lish, and provided considerable assistance regarding the organization and preparation of documents and materials necessary in order to respond effectively to Staff's Production Requests. Staff believes that, with further assistance, Mr. Lish will be able to submit appropriate responses to the production requests.

Staff also requests an extension of the current comment period set to expire on April 26, 2010. Murray Water's delinquent responses to Staff's production requests necessitate an extension of the current comment period to allow Staff adequate time to review the Company's responses and prepare its written comments regarding Murray Water's Application. Staff requests that the deadline for issuing comments regarding Murray Water's Application be modified from April 26, 2010 to June 15, 2010.

Staff stated that it provided actual notice to Murray Water of the substance of its Motion, both by telephone and the mailing of a certified copy of its Motion to Murray Water's business address. Staff asserts that the factual circumstances, along with the actual notice provided to Murray Water's representative, warrant immediate review and enable the Commission to consider its Motion on fewer than 14 days' notice.

COMMISSION DECISION AND FINDINGS

The Commission has before it Staff's Motion to Compel Responses to Production Requests and Extension of the Established Comment Period Deadline. Additionally, Staff requests that the Commission provide procedural relief on fewer than 14 days' notice. *See* Commission Rule of Procedure 256.03.

The Commission finds that it is not presently necessary to grant Staff's Motion to Compel. The Commission finds that it is reasonable for Staff to continue working with Murray Water to submit full and complete responses to all of Staff's Production Requests. Staff may renew its Motion to Compel, if necessary. The Commission finds that Staff's request to extend the previously established deadline for issuing comments regarding Murray Water's Application until June 15, 2010, is reasonable and necessary.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Staff's Motion to Compel Responses to Production Requests is denied at this time. Staff will continue to work with Murray Water to get the production request responses filed. Staff's Motion may be re-filed, if necessary.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the extension of the comment period is granted. The previously established deadline by which all interested parties shall submit comments concerning Murray Water Works Systems' Application to increase its rates and charges for water service shall be revised. The revised comment period deadline shall be June 15, 2010.

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DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 26^{th} day of April 2010.

JIM D. KEMPTON, PRESIDENT

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Commission Secretary

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