

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)
OF SCHWEITZER BASIN WATER LLC) **CASE NO. SCH-W-15-01**
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC)
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY) **NOTICE OF APPLICATION**
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) **NOTICE OF**
) **MODIFIED PROCEDURE**
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) **ORDER NO. 33308**

On February 13, 2015, the Commission received an Application from Schweitzer Basin Water LLC (“Schweitzer” or “Company”) requesting issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (“CPCN”). Schweitzer is seeking Commission authorization to operate as a public utility in the State of Idaho and to provide water service in the following geographical area: Township 58 North, Range 2 West, Boise Meridian, Section 20, Southeast 1/4 in Bonner County.

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YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that Schweitzer states that it is a privately-owned non-transient, non-community water system serving a residential area at the Schweitzer Ski resort with approximately 30-40 full-time residents and transient population of 900.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Schweitzer states that it has been operating since 1964 in support of skier housing, with a weekend and holiday population during ski season.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company has 431 residential customers and no commercial customers. Schweitzer’s customers are billed a flat monthly rate. There are no metered customers.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Schweitzer’s water system includes 431 hookups and 75 connections. The Company utilizes four wells, five reservoirs, and more than six miles of distribution system with seven pressure zones. All flow is by gravity.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company included several attachments in support of its Application, including but not limited to the following: latest Amendment to Certificate of Limited Liability Company; registration as a business with Idaho Secretary of State; legal description of the Company’s proposed service area; map of Schweitzer’s wells,

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reservoirs, water lines, and main valves; DEQ water assessment report; Certifications of Water System Operators, Certificate Number DWT1-10022 and Certificate Number DWT1-10153; Schweitzer's water right; calculation of future customers served by the Company; monthly water production data for 2013-2014; rate schedule; financial statements for 2012-2014; list of addresses of Schweitzer customers; Notice of Application for a CPCN mailed to Schweitzer customers as billing insert; bill template; reminder notice template; final notice template; Schweitzer rules and regulations; Schweitzer main extension rules; and selected engineering data from 2014.

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 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 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 this Application may file a written comment in support or opposition with the Commission no later than **August 20, 2015**. 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 Schweitzer at the addresses reflected below:

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

Schweitzer Basin Water LLC
Mel Bailey, Owner
P.O. Box 772
Sagle, ID 83860
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Street Address for Express Mail:

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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 "Case Comment or Question

Form” under the “Consumers” tab, 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 Schweitzer at the e-mail address listed above.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company may file reply comments, if necessary, no later than **August 27, 2015**.

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 has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission offices. The Application is 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 “Open Water Cases,” and then click on the case number as shown on the front of this document.

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, specifically *Idaho Code* §§ 61-125 and 61-526. The Commission may enter any final Order consistent with its authority under Title 61 and Commission Rule of Procedure 113, IDAPA 31.01.01.113.

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 this Application will be processed under Modified Procedure, Rules 201-204, IDAPA 31.01.01.201-.204. Persons interested in submitting written comments should do so no later than August 20, 2015. The Company may file a response no later than August 27, 2015.


DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 28th
day of May 2015.


PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT


MACK A. REDFORD, COMMISSIONER


KRISTINE RAPER, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:


Jean D. Jewell
Commission Secretary

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