

**BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION )**  
**OF SPIRIT LAKE EAST WATER COMPANY ) CASE NO. SPL-W-06-01**  
**FOR AUTHORITY TO INCREASE ITS )**  
**RATES AND CHARGES FOR WATER ) NOTICE OF**  
**SERVICE IN THE STATE OF IDAHO ) MODIFIED PROCEDURE**  
**)**  
**) ORDER NO. 30193**

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YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on August 14, 2006, Spirit Lake East Water Company filed an Application requesting authority to increase its rates and charges for water service. The Company requested approval to increase its rates from \$12 to \$24 for the first 9,000 gallons of water usage, and from \$.10 to \$.20 for every 100 gallons of water used by a customer over 9,000 gallons per month. In addition, the Company asked approval for an increase in the connection fee for new service from \$1,200 to \$2,500. The Company proposed an effective date of September 14, 2006 for the new rates.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Spirit Lake has been providing water service for nearly 23 years and currently provides service to 280 customers in Kootenai and Bonner Counties, Idaho. The Application states that the Company's rates for consumption have not changed since initially approved by the Commission in November 1983. In June 2004, the Commission approved an increase in the Company's connection fee from \$650 to \$1,200. The Company states that the \$2,500 connection fee it now proposes is the actual cost it incurs in connecting a new customer to the water system. The Company is requesting the new service connection fee to cover the amount actually paid to outside contractors who perform the connection work. The Company requested its Application be processed by Modified Procedure. Staff completed its initial investigation of the Company's Application, and recommended the Company's Application be processed by Modified Procedure as to the technical issues.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company has filed certain exhibits and workpapers. These documents are on file with the Commission Secretary at the Commission's office, 472 West Washington Street, Boise, Idaho, where they may be reviewed as a matter of public record during regular business hours. Interested persons may also view Spirit Lake's Application at the Commission's website, [www.puc.idaho.gov](http://www.puc.idaho.gov) under the "File Room" icon.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has determined that it may not be necessary to convene a formal technical 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 also notes that Modified Procedure and written comments have proven to be an effective means for obtaining public input and participation, although the Commission has not yet determined whether to convene a hearing to obtain testimony from the public.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission Staff will file its analysis of the Application on or before January 27, 2007. The Company may file its reply comments on or before February 9, 2007. Any person desiring to state a position on this Application may file a written comment in support or opposition with the Commission on or before February 9, 2007. The comment must contain a statement of reasons supporting the comment. Persons desiring a public 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:

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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](http://www.puc.idaho.gov). Click the "Comments and Questions" icon, 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 the Applicant at the e-mail address(es) listed above.

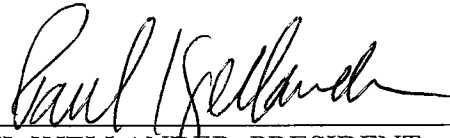
YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if no written comments or protests are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider this matter on its merits and

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.

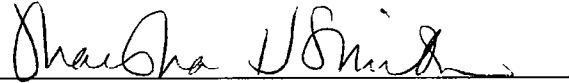
**ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Application of Spirit Lake East Water Company for authority to increase its rates and charges for water service be processed by Modified Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201-.204. Persons interested in submitting written comments in this matter must do so no later than February 9, 2007.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 30<sup>th</sup> day of November 2006.



PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT



MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER



DENNIS S. HANSEN, COMMISSIONER

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Commission Secretary

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