## 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	)	PUBLIC WORKSHOP
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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.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission Staff will hold a public workshop for Spirit Lake customers regarding the Application. The purpose of the public workshop is to provide customers with an overview of the Company's Application and dispense information. At the workshop, customers will have an opportunity to ask questions of the Staff regarding the Company's rate case. Representatives of Spirit Lake may also be available. The Staff will hold its public workshop on **WEDNESDAY**, **FEBRUARY 21**, **2007 AT 6:00 P.M.** 

IN THE COMMONS ROOM AT TIMBERLAKE HIGH SCHOOL, 5973 WEST HIGHWAY 54, SPIRIT LAKE, IDAHO.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that a public hearing to obtain public testimony will be held on <u>WEDNESDAY</u>, <u>FEBRUARY 21</u>, 2007 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COMMONS <u>ROOM AT TIMBERLAKE HIGH SCHOOL</u>, 5973 WEST HIGHWAY 54, SPIRIT LAKE, <u>IDAHO</u>. The public hearing will be conducted by a hearing examiner appointed by the Commission.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the workshop and hearing will be conducted pursuant to the Rules of Procedure adopted by the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, IDAPA 31.01.01.000 et seq.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all hearings and workshops in this matter will be held in facilities meeting the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Persons needing the help of a sign language interpreter or other assistance in order to participate in or to understand testimony and argument at a workshop may ask the Commission to provide a sign language interpreter or other assistance at the hearing. The request for assistance must be received at least five (5) working days before the hearing by contacting the Commission Secretary at:

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DATED at Boise, Idaho this

26th

day of January 2007.

Commission Secretary

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