

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)	CASE NO. SPL-W-19-01
OF SPIRIT LAKE EAST WATER COMPANY)	
AND LYNNWOOD FOR AMENDMENT AND)	NOTICE OF APPLICATION
TRANSFER OF CPCN)	
)	NOTICE OF
)	MODIFIED PROCEDURE
)	
)	ORDER NO. 34271

On February 15, 2019, Gem State Water Company, LLC (“Gem State Water”) filed an application with the Commission requesting approval of Gem State Water’s acquisition of Spirit Lake East Water Company (“Spirit Lake”), Lynnwood Water, and Water Works Management LLC (“Water Works”), and approval to amend Spirit Lake’s certificate of public convenience and necessity (“CPCN”) to incorporate the customers currently served by Lynnwood Water and transfer the amended CPCN to Gem State Water (collectively, “Application”).

The Commission now issues this Notice of Application and Notice of Modified Procedure setting comment and reply deadlines.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that Gem State Water is an Idaho limited liability company created to own and operate water utilities in Idaho. Gem State Water, through its parent companies, is owned by Northwest Natural Holding Company.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Spirit Lake is a regulated water utility that serves approximately 315 customers in north Idaho. Lynnwood Water serves approximately 18 customers. The same person owns the assets of Lynnwood Water and is the sole shareholder of Spirit Lake. This person would be employed by NW Natural Water of Idaho for a period of at least 36 months following Commission approval of the Application. Water Works is a non-regulated entity that holds certain water systems management contracts.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Gem State Water requests approval of its acquisition of Spirit Lake, Lynnwood Water, and the assets of Water Works Management LLC, the authority to amend Spirit Lake’s CPCN to include customers of Lynnwood Water, and the transfer of the amended CPCN to Gem State Water.

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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Gem State Water states that customer rates will not change as a result of the transaction, but the Company will work toward consolidating the rates between Spirit Lake and Lynnwood Water in future rate cases.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission's office. These documents are 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, then select "Water Cases" and 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, including *Idaho Code* §§ 61-501.

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.*

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 that it will proceed under Modified Procedure pursuant to Rules 201 through 204 of the 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 by no later than June 11, 2019.** 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 the Company at the addresses reflected below:

**For the Idaho Public Utilities
Commission**

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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. Click the "Consumers" tab then click the "Case Comment or Question Form" and complete the comment form using the case number as it appears on the front of this document.


YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Petitioners shall file reply comments, if necessary, **by no later than June 18, 2019.**

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 Gem State Water Company be processed by Modified Procedure, Rule 201-204 (IDAPA 31.01.01.201-.204). Persons interested in submitting written comments must do so before June 11, 2019. Petitioners may file reply comments no later than June 18, 2019.

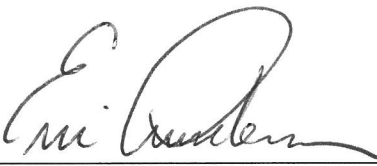
DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this *13th*
day of March, 2019.



PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT



KRISTINE RAPER, COMMISSIONER



ERIC ANDERSON, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:



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Commission Secretary

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