

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)	
OF STONERIDGE WATER COMPANY FOR)	CASE NO. SWS-W-06-01
AN INCREASE IN RATES AND CHARGES)	
AND TO MODIFY RULES AND)	NOTICE OF
REGULATIONS)	MODIFIED PROCEDURE
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)	NOTICE OF
)	COMMENT/PROTEST DEADLINE
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)	ORDER NO. 30250
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On November 20, 2006, Stoneridge Water Company filed an Application with the Commission seeking "to allow for the closing out of Phase I and Phase II loans for the Happy Valley Ranchos annexation and surcharge associated thereto, for an increase in the monthly user fees, an increase in the hook up fees, an increase in the disconnection/reconnection fees and for clarifications and changes to the Rules and Regulations."

On December 18, 2006, the Commission issued Order No. 30204, Notice of Application and Notice of Modified Procedure, authorizing the use of Modified Procedure to process this case. With this Order the Commission establishes a deadline for the submission of written comments and/or protests with respect to the Application and the Commission's use of Modified Procedure.

THE APPLICATION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Company filed a fairly comprehensive Application following the pattern available on the Commission's web page for small water company Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity. In fact the Company titled its Application as that for the issuance of a Certificate. However, the Company currently possesses a Certificate, *see* Order No. 28994, and it is clear from a review of the Application that it is requesting a general rate case. The Company has not requested a specific effective date for the proposed new rates.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company had previously taken out a series of loans from the State Drinking Water Revolving Fund totaling approximately \$438,500. *See* Case No. SWS-W-04-01, Order No. 29719 (authorizing the loan amounts and describing the

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background surrounding the loans, system expansion, and system improvements). The Commission, in its previous Orders authorizing the Company to incur the indebtedness, specifically reserved judgment on the appropriate amount of the surcharge for Phase I interconnection. Order No. 29719 at 5. The Commission also specifically reserved judgment on how the Company may collect the cost of the backbone system improvements for Phase II. *Id.*

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that, according to the Customer Notice prepared by the Company, its request to the Commission consists of six parts: “(1) A monthly fee to service the Happy Valley Ranchos loan will be imposed on all those current and future customers that were added as a result of the Happy Valley Ranchos annexation. (2) A monthly service fee to service the well repair loan will be imposed on all current and future customers within the StoneRidge Utility service territory. (3) A monthly user fee increase will be imposed on all current and future customers within the StoneRidge Utility service territory. (4) A disconnect/reconnect fee increase will be imposed on all customers choosing to have their water shut off and turned on at a later date. (5) A hook up fee increase will be imposed on all customers requesting a new service connection. (6) And clarifications and changes to some of the General Rules and Regulations.”

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company states it currently has 374 customers, and will ultimately have approximately 1,207 customers with the planned developments within its service territory. It appears that the Company is requesting to increase rates as follows:

	Customer Charge	Commodity Charge
Residential	from \$14/mo. to \$38/mo.	from \$.30/1,000g to \$.67/1,000g
Commercial	from \$20/mo. to \$38/mo.	from \$.30/1,000g to \$.67/1,000g
Irrigation	\$38/mo.	\$.67/1,000g

The Company's existing tariff also contains rates for:

Time Share Complex	\$200/mo.	\$.30/1,000g
Golf Course Irrigation	\$1,200/mo.	\$.30/1,000g

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company is also proposing to increase its hook-up fee for new service from \$925 to \$1,200. The Company also proposes increasing its reconnection to \$278 during office hours, and \$328 after office hours. This amount equates to six months base charge plus \$50 and \$100, respectively. The Company's currently authorized

reconnection fees are: (1) disconnected for 30 days or less – during office hours, \$14 and after office hours, \$28; and (2) disconnected for more than 30 days – during office hours, \$50 and after office hours, \$64.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application, supporting workpapers, testimonies and exhibits have been filed with the Commission and are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission offices. The Petition and testimonies are also available on the Commission's Website at www.puc.idaho.gov under the "File Room".

MODIFIED PROCEDURE

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has reviewed the filing of record in Case No. SWS-W-06-01. The Commission has preliminarily determined that the public interest may not require a hearing to consider the issues presented in this case and that issues raised by the Company's filing may be processed under **Modified Procedure**, i.e., by written submission rather than by hearing. IDAPA 31.01.01.201-204. In so doing, 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 the Commission may not hold a hearing in this proceeding unless it receives written protests or comments opposing the use of Modified Procedure and stating why Modified Procedure should not be used. IDAPA 31.01.01.203.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if no protests or written comments are received within the deadline, the Commission will consider the matter and enter its Order without a hearing. If protests or comments are filed within the deadline, the Commission will consider them and may, in its discretion, set the matter for hearing or decide the matter and issue its Order on the basis of the written positions before it. IDAPA 01.01.01.204.

COMMENT/PROTEST DEADLINE

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that **the deadline for filing written comments or protests** with respect to the Application and the Commission's use of Modified Procedure in Case No. SWS-W-06-01 is **April 27, 2007**. Persons desiring a hearing must specifically request a hearing in their written protests or comments.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that written comments concerning this case should be mailed to the Commission and to the Company at the addresses reflected below.

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Commission Secretary Idaho Public Utilities Commission PO Box 83720 Boise, ID 83720-0074 Street Address For Express Mail: 472 W. Washington Street Boise, ID 83702-5983	For Stoneridge Water Company: Wayne Benner PO Box 280 Blanchard, ID 83804 E-mail: wbenner@stoneridgeidaho.com Joe M. Olmstead James A. Sewell & Associates 600 4 th Street West Newport, WA 99156
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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 homepage located at 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 address listed above.

FINDINGS/CONCLUSIONS

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has jurisdiction over Stoneridge Water Company, its Application to increase rates and charges and change rules and regulations, and the issues involved in this case by virtue of Title 61, Idaho Code, including *Idaho Code* §§ 61-124, 61-125, 61-129, 61-301, 61-302, 61-303, 61-501, 61-502, 61-503, and 61-622 and the Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.000 *et seq.*

The Commission has preliminarily determined that the public interest may not require a hearing to consider the issues presented in this case, and that issues raised by the Company's filing may be processed under **Modified Procedure**, i.e., by written submission rather than by hearing. IDAPA 31.01.01.201-204. In so doing, the Commission notes that Modified Procedure and written comments have proven to be an effective means for obtaining public input and participation.

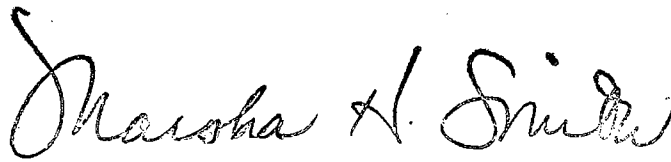
Because the Company did not request an effective date for its proposed rates, charges, rules, and regulations it is not necessary to suspend the Company's proposal. The proposed rates, charges, rules, and regulations shall not go into effect pending the hearing or decision in this case. *Idaho Code* § 61-622.

ORDER

IT IS HERBY ORDERED that the deadline for the submission of written comments and/or protests with respect to the Company's Application and the Commission's use of Modified Procedure is April 27, 2007.

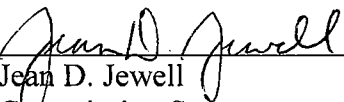
DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 16th day of February 2007.


PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT


MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER


DENNIS S. HANSEN, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:


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Commission Secretary

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