

## DECISION MEMORANDUM

**TO:** COMMISSIONER KJELLANDER  
COMMISSIONER SMITH  
COMMISSIONER HANSEN  
COMMISSION SECRETARY  
COMMISSION STAFF  
LEGAL

**FROM:** WELDON STUTZMAN

**DATE:** APRIL 6, 2006

**SUBJECT:** CASE NO. UWI-W-06-3  
APPLICATION FOR AN ACCOUNTING ORDER FOR  
CONSERVATION PLANNING COSTS

On March 30, 2006, United Water Idaho Inc. filed an Application requesting an accounting order authorizing the Company to defer and amortize costs associated with its conservation planning effort. In the final Order issued in the last United Water rate case, the Commission directed the Company to update its conservation plan. As a result, United Water has retained a consultant to prepare an updated plan, at a price not to exceed \$80,000. The Company also estimates it will incur additional costs not to exceed \$10,000 to complete the plan revision. Accordingly, United Water asks the Commission to enter an Order authorizing the Company to defer up to \$90,000 in costs associated with the conservation plan to be recovered in rates in a "current or future rate proceeding." The Company requested its Application be processed by Modified Procedure.

Staff recommends the Application of United Water for an accounting order authorizing the Company to defer costs associated with revising its conservation plan be processed by Modified Procedure.

### COMMISSION DECISION

Should the Application of United Water for an accounting order regarding its conservation planning costs be processed by Modified Procedure?

  
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Weldon B. Stutzman