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Via Hand Delivery

Jean Jewell, Secretary
Idaho Public Utilities Commission
472 W. Washington St.
Boise, Idaho 83720

**Re: Case No. UWI-W-09-01
General Rate Case Filing**

Dear Ms. Jewell:

Enclosed for filing, please find an original and nine (9) copies of United Water Idaho's Application for authority to increase its rates and charges for water service to customers in the State of Idaho, effective October 3, 2009.

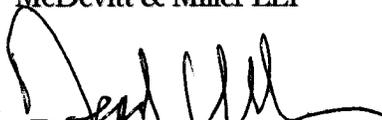
Enclosed are nine (9) copies of the testimony and exhibits of Gregory P. Wyatt, Scott Rhead, Charles Low and Kevin H. Doherty that are submitted in support of the Application, with one copy each designated as the "Reporter's Copy." A compact disk containing the direct testimony and exhibits of the above-named witnesses is also enclosed.

Three (3) copies of the Company's workpapers regarding the General Rate Filing are also enclosed, along with the Company's press release and notice to customers.

Kindly return a file stamped copy to me.

Very Truly Yours,

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BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
OF UNITED WATER IDAHO INC. FOR
AUTHORITY TO INCREASE ITS RATES
AND CHARGES FOR WATER SERVICE IN
THE STATE OF IDAHO

Case No. UWI-W-09-01

APPLICATION

COMES NOW United Water Idaho Inc., (“United Water”, or “Applicant”) and hereby makes application to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) for an Order approving revisions to Applicant’s schedules of rates and charges for water service in the State of Idaho to become effective with service provided on or after October 3, 2009, and in support thereof respectfully shows as follows:

I.

Applicant is a public utility water corporation within the meaning of the Idaho Public Utility Law, is duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Idaho and is engaged in conducting a general water business in and about Boise City, Ada County, Idaho, having its principal office and place of business at 8248 West Victory Road, Boise, Idaho. A certified copy of Applicant’s Articles of Incorporation, together with all amendments to date, is on file with the Commission. Applicant’s current Certificate is Amended Certificate No. 143.

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II.

United Water has been providing water service to the public in Boise City and surrounding areas for more than 100 years. Currently, United Water provides service to approximately 83,900 customers within Ada County, Idaho.

III.

The operations of United Water have been reviewed in several rate proceedings before the Commission, most recently in Case No. UWI-W-06-02.

IV.

Attached hereto as Attachment 1 are copies of Applicant's Schedule Number 1, General Metered Service, Schedule Number 1B, Flat Rate Service, Schedule Number 2, Public Hydrants and Street Sprinkling, Schedule Number 3, Private Fire Sprinkling and Service, Schedule Number 4, Private Fire Hydrant Service, containing the rates under which water service is currently rendered and charged to Applicant's customers.

V.

Attached hereto as Attachment 2 are copies of Applicant's new proposed Schedules Numbers 1, 1B, 2, 3 and 4 setting forth charges to be made to Applicant's customers on and after October 4, 2009.

As shown by Attachment 2, Applicant proposes to increase rates by a uniform percentage increase of 15.1%.

Applicant alleges that the proposed changes in rates and charges set forth on Attachment 2 are just and reasonable and that the rate of return expected to be provided to the Applicant there

under will be 8.49%, which is a fair rate of return on Applicant's investment in property used and useful in rendering water service.

VI.

The revenue realized by Applicant under its presently authorized rates produces a rate of return of 6.32% based on a test year ending December 31, 2009. Applicant seeks additional revenues to recover increased operating expenses and costs associated with plant additions, and to produce a fair rate of return, thereby enabling it to continue to provide adequate and reliable service to its customers.

VII.

Applicant is filing concurrently herewith direct testimony of Gregory P. Wyatt, Scott Rhead, Kevin Doherty and Charles Loy and Exhibits 1--13 including financial statements, and revenue analysis, along with supporting workpapers, to justify and support the proposed increase.

VIII.

Notice to Applicant's customers is being accomplished by news media releases simultaneously with the filing of this Application and by an individual notice mailed to each of Applicant's customers. In addition, a copy of the Application and Applicant's present and proposed rate schedules are available for public inspection at its office at 8248 West Victory Road, Boise, Idaho at any time during office hours.

IX.

Applicant stands ready for an immediate hearing on this Application and requests that a hearing be held as soon as possible.

X.

Communications in reference to this Application should be addressed to:

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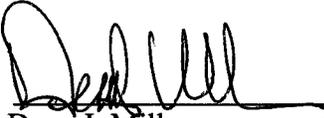
Kevin H. Doherty
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United Water Management and Services Company
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WHEREFORE, Applicant respectfully requests of the Commission:

1. That this Application be heard and acted upon at the earliest possible date;
2. That the Commission find that the Applicant's existing rates are unjust, unreasonable and insufficient to provide Applicant with a fair rate of return and that the revised rates and charges proposed in Attachment 2 of this Application are just and reasonable and that Applicant be permitted to charge said rates to its customers, effective October 3, 2009.
3. That the Commission grant such other and further relief as the Commission may determine proper in the circumstances.

DATED this 3rd day of September, 2009.

UNITED WATER IDAHO INC.

By: 
Dean J. Miller
Attorney for Applicant

UNITED WATER IDAHO INC.

**SCHEDULE NO. 1
GENERAL METERED SERVICE**

Availability:

To all metered customers not served under a separate schedule.

Customer Charges:

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Bi-Monthly Per Meter Charge</u>
5/8"	\$ 16.21
3/4"	16.21
1"	21.31
1-1/4" and 1-1/2"	34.53
2" or multiple meters of equivalent capacity	49.85
3" or multiple meters of equivalent capacity	91.58
4" or multiple meters of equivalent capacity	145.76
6" or multiple meters of equivalent capacity	280.52
8" or multiple meters of equivalent capacity	423.17
10" or multiple meters of equivalent capacity	591.57

Volume Charge:

	<u>Winter Rates</u>	<u>Summer Rates</u>
For all water used less than 3CCF (100 cubic Feet) (CCF)(1 CCF=748 gallons):	\$1.2112	\$1.2112
For all water used greater than 3CCF	\$1.2112	\$1.5141

Conditions of Contract:

The customer shall pay the total of the customer charge plus the volume charge. The volume charge is based on all metered water for the billing period. Consumption is expressed in hundred cubic foot units or thousand gallon units as determined by the meter installed by the Company. The customer charge will be prorated whenever the customer has not been a customer for the entire billing period.

Summer Period:

The summer rate will apply to water consumed between May 1 and September 30. Meter readings straddling these dates will be prorated.

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Gregory P. Wyatt, Vice President
8248 West Victory Road, Boise, Idaho

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SCHEDULE NO. 1B
FLAT RATE SERVICE

Availability:

To non-metered residential customers pursuant to Residential or Multi-Family Housing Non-Contiguous Water Systems Agreement Paragraph 11(a) addressing flat rate systems.

Customer Charges:

Based on United Water Idaho residential consumption for the year ending June 1998 of 208.75 ccf, the average residential bill, assuming a ¾" meter and 65%/35% summer/winter split, is \$388.92. Billed bi-monthly, equals \$64.82.

Bi-monthly Charge: \$64.82

Conditions of Contract:

The bi-monthly charge will be prorated whenever the customer has not been a customer for the entire billing period. The Company or the customer may convert to metered service pursuant to Subparagraphs (b) or (c) of Paragraph 11 as follows:

- (b) If Company should determine that a flat rate customer is using water in excess of the average residential customer, the Company will provide a meter setting and meter. Customer will then pay Company's metered tariff rates as approved by the IPUC, which rates may be amended from time to time.
- (c) If a customer prefers to pay Company's approved metered tariff rates, the customer shall pay the installation and material costs associated with the installation of a meter setting.

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SCHEDULE NO. 3
PRIVATE FIRE SPRINKLER AND SERVICE

Availability:

To all customers who have sprinkler systems and/or inside hose connections for fire fighting purposes.

Rate:

For service through a separate line for fire fighting purposes.

For 3" service or smaller, per month	\$ 14.19
For 4" service per month	21.51
For 6" service per month	53.42
For 8" service per month	87.77
For 10" service per month	136.88
For 12" service per month	205.02

Miscellaneous:

Provided that if the installation of a private fire service shall require an extension of the existing mains of the company, the cost of such extension shall be borne by the customer.

All private fire services shall be equipped with sealed gate valves or thermal automatic openings.

Meters may be placed on fire services by the utility at any time; however, metered rates will not apply unless improper use of water is disclosed, and if such be the case, usage will be billed to the consumer under Rate Schedule No. 1.

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**SCHEDULE NO. 4
PRIVATE FIRE HYDRANT SERVICE**

Availability:

To all customers having private fire hydrant installations.

Rate:

For fire hydrants installed and maintained by the customer at customer's expense:

Each fire hydrant, per month	\$8.60
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Miscellaneous:

Service pipe from the fitting on the company water main to the fire hydrant is to be installed and maintained by the customer.

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Bi-monthly Charge: \$64.82-74.73

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For 12" service per month	205.02 -236.38

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