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BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)	
UNITED WATER IDAHO INC. TO AMEND AND)	CASE NO. UWI-W-13-01
REVISE CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND)	
NECESSITY NO. 143 TO INCLUDE PROPERTY)	
OF BRIGHTON LAND HOLDINGS LLC.)	
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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)	CASE NO. UWI-W-13-02
UNITED WATER IDAHO INC. TO AMEND AND)	
REVISE CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND)	
NECESSITY NO. 143 TO INCLUDE)	COMMENTS OF THE
EASTVALLEY SUBDIVISION.)	COMMISSION STAFF
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COMES NOW the Staff of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, by and through its Attorney of record, Weldon B. Stutzman, Deputy Attorney General, and in response to the Notice of Application and Notice of Modified Procedure issued in Order No. 32920 on November 5, 2013, submits the following comments.

BACKGROUND

On October 23, 2013, United Water Idaho Inc. filed two Applications to extend its certificated area. In Case No. UWI-W-13-01, United Water seeks to add an area known as Brighton Land Holdings LLC (Brighton Property) to its service territory. In Case No. UWI-W-13-02, United Water seeks to add an area known as Eastvalley Subdivision to its certificated service territory. Both Brighton Land Holdings LLC and the developer of Eastvalley have requested that United Water extend service to the area. Both areas are adjacent to each other and also adjacent to United Water's existing certificated area.

The Company's Application states it will extend water service facilities to the area pursuant to its main extension rules and regulations. United Water plans to provide service to all areas in the Brighton Property and Eastvalley under the terms of its Tariff No. 1, General Metered Service.

STAFF REVIEW

Attachment 1 is a map showing the location of the Brighton Property and the Eastvalley Property. The Brighton Property is adjacent to the existing United Water certificated area boundary in east Boise. The Eastvalley Property is immediately adjacent to the Brighton Property.

Both the Brighton and Eastvalley properties are currently unserved by any water utility. Furthermore, there are no other water providers with existing facilities in the vicinity of either the Brighton Property or Eastvalley capable of providing water service. As shown on the map, Brian Water Company serves 46 customers in a small subdivision just south of Eastvalley. However, Brian Water, which was formerly regulated by the Commission, is having difficulty providing adequate and safe service to its existing customers. Brian Water is currently in discussions with United Water for United Water to take over its system, and is not capable of providing service to any new customers. Staff concludes, therefore, as required by *Idaho Code* §61-526, the requested service territory expansion will not interfere with the operations of any other water utility corporation under the jurisdiction of the Commission.

United Water is capable of immediately extending service to both the Brighton Property and the Eastvalley Subdivision by extending its existing mainlines located within its service territory. Providing service to Brighton and Eastvalley will not require the construction of

special facilities. United Water submits that the expansion into this area is consistent with the public convenience and necessity as required by *Idaho Code* §61-526. Staff agrees.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the Commission approve the expansion of United Water's service areas as requested. Staff further recommends that the Commission authorize the preparation and filing of an Amended Certificate No. 143 to include the Brighton Property and the Eastvalley Property as described in the Company's Application.

Respectfully submitted this 26th day of November 2013.

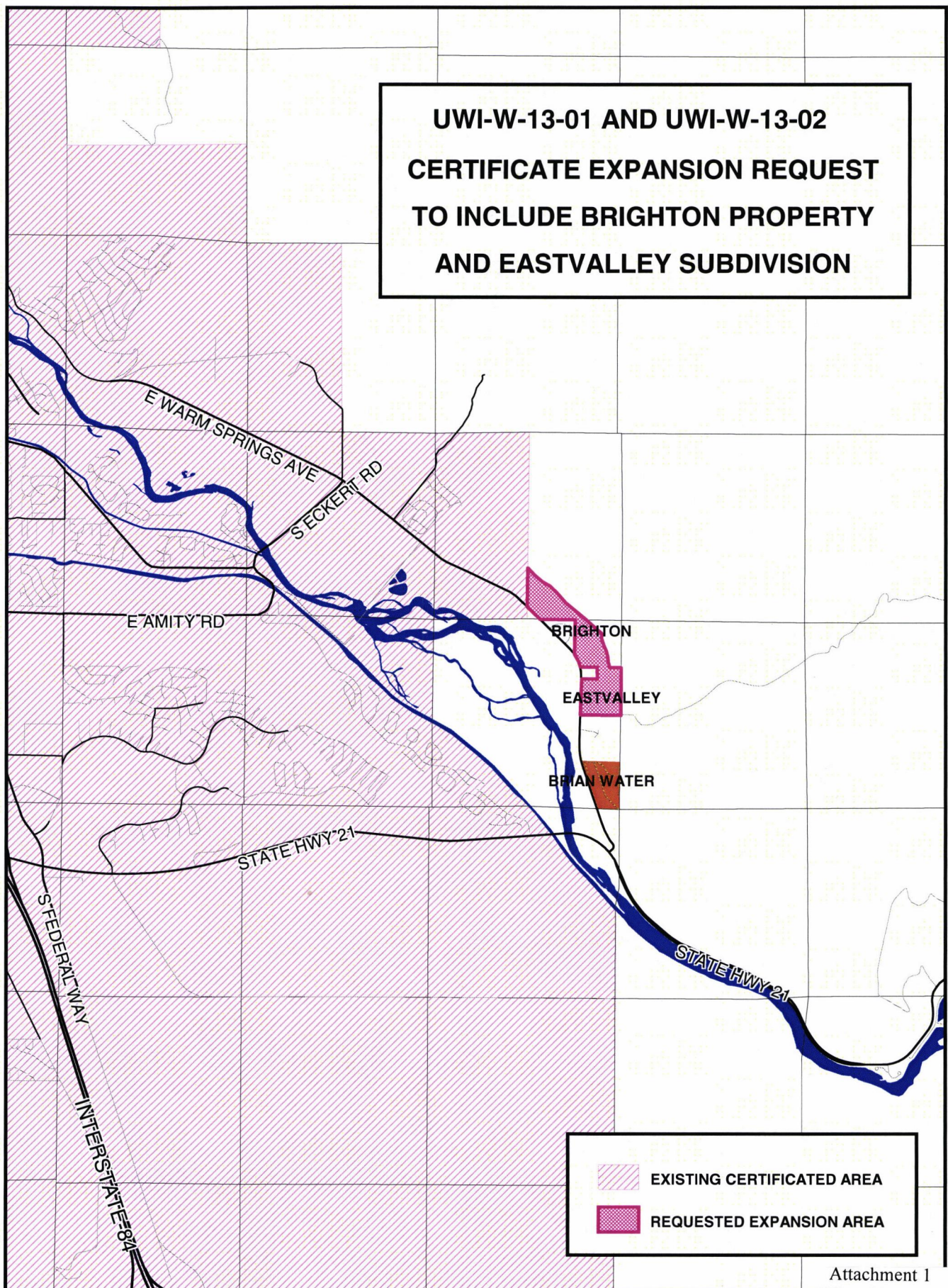


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**UWI-W-13-01 AND UWI-W-13-02
CERTIFICATE EXPANSION REQUEST
TO INCLUDE BRIGHTON PROPERTY
AND EASTVALLEY SUBDIVISION**



CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I HAVE THIS 26TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2013, SERVED THE FOREGOING **COMMENTS OF THE COMMISSION STAFF**, IN CASE NO. UWI-W-13-01/UWI-W-13-02, BY MAILING A COPY THEREOF, POSTAGE PREPAID, TO THE FOLLOWING:

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