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# United Water Idaho, Brian subdivision homeowners, seek commission approval of United Water takeover

**BOISE (Nov. 10, 2014)** – United Water Idaho and the Brian Subdivision Water Users Association are asking state regulators to approve an application that would allow United Water to connect to and take over operation of Brian Water’s domestic water system.

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission is taking public comment on the application through Nov. 28.

Brian Water serves 46 customers along Warm Springs Avenue near the intersection of U.S. Highway 21 just east of the Boise city limits. United Water Idaho provides service to about 85,000 customers in the Boise metropolitan area.

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality is requiring Brian Water to eliminate contaminants from its domestic water system. The most feasible way of doing that, according to the applicants, is to connect to United Water’s system. Brian Water is currently operated by a not-for-profit association of homeowners, which supports the proposed application.

Applicants estimate the project, which includes extending United Water pipelines and replacing existing meters and service lines for 46 homes, will cost \$1.35 million. The applicants propose that Brian Water customers pay for 10 percent of the pipeline costs and all of the costs for service line and meter replacement. The Brian Water portion of the expense would be paid by a \$124.86 surcharge on Brian Water customer bills every two months for 10 years. Customers may also choose to pay the surcharge with a one-time payment.

United Water’s customers’ portion of the 90 percent of the pipeline extension costs -- \$1.2 million – plus Allowance for Funds Using During Construction (AFUDC) and a return on investment would be deferred for proposed recovery in rates after the company’s next general rate case.

Comments are accepted via e-mail through Nov. 28, 2014, by accessing the commission's Website at [www.puc.idaho.gov](http://www.puc.idaho.gov) and clicking on "Case Comment Form," under the "Water" heading. Fill in the case number (UWI-W-14-01) and enter your comments. Comments can also be mailed to P.O. Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0074 or faxed to (208) 334-3762.

The application, along with testimony from United Water and Brian Water representatives, is available on the commission's Web site. Click on "Open Cases" under the "Water" heading and scroll down to the above case number.

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