

IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Case No. BIT-W-05-1

July 1, 2005

Contact: Gene Fadness (208) 334-0339

Website: www.puc.idaho.gov

Bitterroot Water seeks rate increase

Boise – A Kootenai County water company has applied to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission for an increase in its metered base rates for water from \$20 per month to \$45.

Bitterroot Water Company, which serves 116 households in the Hayden Lake area, said the increase is needed to offset increasing costs associated with the operation, maintenance and capital improvements to its water system.

The company is not proposing an increase to its commodity charge of 75 cents for every 1,000 gallons consumed in excess of 15,000 gallons per month.

Bitterroot contends that in the last 12 months the water system has been upgraded to maintain compliance with increasingly tougher government standards for water quality.

Commission staff anticipates conducting a public workshop for customers and will soon recommend further public comment procedure based on its investigation and assessment of the company's filing.

The company's application is available on the commission's Website at www.puc.idaho.gov. Click on "File Room," then on "Water Cases," and scroll down to Case No. BIT-W-05-1.