

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF FALLS WATER) CASE NO. FLS-W-20-03
COMPANY’S APPLICATION TO INCREASE)
ITS RATES AND CHARGES FOR WATER) NOTICE OF APPLICATION
SERVICE)
) NOTICE OF SUSPENSION OF
) PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE
)
) ORDER NO. 34725

On June 30, 2020, Falls Water Company, Inc. (“Company”) filed an Application requesting authorization to raise the rates it charges for water service, effective August 15, 2020. The Company asks the Commission to review its Application under the Commission’s Rules of Modified Procedure (IDAPA 31.01.01.01.201 - .204).

The Commission now issues this Notice of Application and Notice of Suspension of Proposed Effective Date.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of NW Natural Water Company, LLC, which itself is a wholly owned subsidiary of NW Natural Holdings Company, which was created during a corporate reorganization of Northwest Natural Gas Company and its affiliates. As of December 31, 2019, the Company serves 5,545 customers.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company states its proposed rate increase would increase Company revenues by \$344,175 (19.12%). The Company proposes to increase its water rates as follows:

Meter Size	Current Rate	Proposed Rate	% Change
¾” or smaller	\$17.75 for up to 12,000 gallons	\$18.75 for up to 12,000 gallons	5.63% Increase
1”	\$25.00 for up to 17,000 gallons	\$26.41 for up to 17,000 gallons	5.63% Increase
1 ½”	\$32.25 for up to 22,000 gallons	\$34.07 for up to 22,000 gallons	5.63% Increase
2”	\$41.00 for up to 28,000 gallons	\$43.31 for up to 28,000 gallons	5.63% Increase
4”	\$73.25 for up to 49,000 gallons	\$77.38 for up to 49,000 gallons	5.63% Increase
Commodity Rate per 1,000 gallons	\$0.689	\$0.957	38.89% Increase

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The Company states its proposed changes would increase customers average bills by rate class as follows:

Rate Class	Current Rate Average Bill	Proposed Rate Average Bill	Percentage Increase	Percentage of Total Customers
Residential 5/8" & 3/4" Meters	\$25.45	\$29.96	17.7%	76.51%
Residential 1" Meters	\$27.86	\$34.49	23.8%	19.99%
Residential 1 1/2" Meters	\$52.40	\$59.98	14.5%	0.16%
Residential 2" Meters	\$51.25	\$43.31	-15.5%	0.02%
Commercial 5/8" & 3/4" Meters	\$24.58	\$27.48	11.8%	0.77%
Commercial 1" Meters	\$41.98	\$50.40	20.1%	0.13%
Commercial 1 1/2" Meters	\$125.11	\$159.32	27.3%	0.16%
Commercial 2" Meters	\$77.68	\$96.07	23.7%	0.75%
Commercial 4" Meters	\$87.85	\$97.66	11.2%	0.05%
Multi-Family 5/8" & 3/4" Meters	\$30.55	\$36.43	19.2%	0.72%
Multi-Family 1" Meters	\$43.05	\$51.47	19.6%	0.50%
Multi-Family 1 1/2" Meters	\$74.28	\$92.44	24.5%	0.02%
Multi-Family 2" Meters	\$65.19	\$76.91	18.0%	0.22%
Multi-Family 4" Meters	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%	0%

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission last approved an increase to the Company's basic rates and charges in October 2012. Order No. 32663.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the procedure and timeline to process this case will be determined later.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission's office. These documents are also available on the Commission's web site at www.puc.idaho.gov. Click on the "Water" icon, then select "Open Cases" and click on the case number as shown on the front of this document.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this case will be held pursuant to the Commission's jurisdiction under Title 61 of the Idaho Code and specifically *Idaho Code* §§ 61-502 and 61-503. The Commission may enter any final Order consistent with its authority under Title 61.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this matter will be conducted pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.000 *et seq.*

NOTICE OF SUSPENSION OF PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that, given the public interest in having adequate time to comment on this case, the Commission finds it appropriate to suspend the Company's proposed effective date of August 15, 2020, for 30 days plus 5 months, unless the Commission issues an earlier Order accepting, rejecting, or modifying the Company's Application. *See Idaho Code § 61-622(4).*

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Company's proposed August 15, 2020, effective date is suspended for 30 days plus 5 months, unless the Commission issues an earlier Order accepting, rejecting, or modifying the Application. *See Idaho Code § 61-622(4).*

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that parties should continue to comply with Order No. 34602, issued March 17, 2020. All pleadings should be filed with the Commission electronically and shall be deemed timely filed when received by the Commission Secretary. *See Rule 14.02.* Service between parties should also be accomplished electronically. Voluminous discovery-related documents may be filed and served on CD-ROM or a USB flash drive.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 16th day of July, 2020.



PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT



KRISTINE RAPER, COMMISSIONER



ERIC ANDERSON, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:



Diane M. Hanian
Commission Secretary

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