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NEWS RELEASE: Commission approves water utility's application to assume ownership and maintenance of fire hydrants.

BOISE (March 28, 2024) – The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has approved an application from Veolia Water Idaho to assume ownership and management of fire hydrants that belong to the Whitney Fire Protection District.

Veolia Water will take ownership of the fire hydrants in Boise and Ada County over a five-year period, with 1/5 of the fire hydrants transferred to Veolia each year. After the transfer is completed, Veolia Water will have ownership and maintenance responsibilities over all of the fire hydrants in its service territory. Veolia Water said in its application that it has the financial resources to maintain the fire hydrants and will follow fire flow and fire code requirements.

The fire protection district will not be charging Veolia Water to assume ownership of the hydrants. It is anticipated that maintenance and repair costs will decrease as fire hydrants are replaced. Veolia Water can submit an application to the commission in the future to recover the costs of maintaining hydrants. The approval of the application also will allow Veolia Water to install new hydrants in areas where they are spaced too far apart to meet current fire code requirements.

Additional information is available at: puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/7186.