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NEWS RELEASE: Commission issues certificate to northern Idaho water utility.

BOISE (Sept. 4, 2024) – The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has approved an application from VP Inc. to grant it a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide water services within the Hidden Springs subdivision near Sandpoint.

VP Inc. serves 74 customers in the subdivision in Bonner County, Idaho. Before receiving the certificate, the utility was charging three different monthly flat rates of \$35, \$40 or \$45. Which rate the lot owner was charged was determined when a lot was purchased or connected to the water system. In its application, the water utility proposed a monthly flat rate of \$55 for all customers.

After reviewing its application, the commission approved a flat monthly rate of \$75.43 for each customer receiving water service and not allowing a flat rate for non-flowing customers. The commission determined only those receiving services from the water system should pay for its operation.

The commission also approved allowing VP Inc. to charge a reconnection fee of \$50, a 1 percent monthly late payment charge, and a \$20 returned check charge.

Additional information on the commission's decision is available at:
puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/7241.