

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act and the Wyoming Public Service Commission’s (Commission) Rules, the Commission hereby gives notice of the Amended Application of Orchard Valley Water Company (Orchard Valley or the Company) for approval of a general rate increase from \$25.00 to \$50.00, an increase to its fees for use in excess of 4,000 gallons per two month period from \$1.25 to \$2.00 per thousand gallons, and to implement time-limited rate riders of \$10.88, \$9.35 and \$7.70 as more fully described below.

Orchard Valley is a public utility as defined by WYO. STAT. § 37-1-101(a)(vi)(E) and, as such, is subject to the Commission’s jurisdiction under WYO. STAT. § 37-2-112.

On April 5, 2017 Orchard Valley filed its initial Application for a general rate increase to its bi-monthly minimum charge from \$25.00 to \$40.00, and to increase is fee for use in excess of 4,000 gallons per two month period from \$1.25 to \$2.00 per thousand gallons. On April 12, 2017, the Commission issued its *Notice of Application* which provided for an intervention and protest deadline of May 17, 2017. Notice of the proposed Application was provided by the Company to its customers. Numerous Orchard Valley customers filed comments in support of the proposed rate increase. On June 2, 2017, Orchard Valley filed *Request for Interim Rate Increase (Request)* and *Petition for Confidential Treatment* which was granted by *Notice and Order Granting Interim Rate Increase and Granting Confidential Treatment issued on June 26, 2017*. The interim authority was granted subject to refund, hearing, and further change based upon the final determination and order of the Commission.

On December 12, 2017, Orchard Valley filed an Amended Application requesting approval of a general rate increase. The Amended Application is seeking the following rate changes:

<b>Rate Component</b>	<b>Interim Rates</b>	<b>Requested Rates</b>
Minimum Charge: includes first 4,000 gallons in a two-month billing period	\$40.00	\$50.00
Every 1,000 gallons over the first 4,000 gallons	\$2.00	\$ 2.00
Rate Rider #1 (Loans) Years 1 thru 3		\$10.88
Rate Rider #2 (Electric Panel) Year 1		\$ 9.35
Rate Rider #3 (Customer Contribution) Years 2 and 3		\$ 7.70

Orchard Valley is also requesting to implement time-limited rate riders of \$10.88, \$9.35 and \$7.70. The Company stated that the increase is necessary to repay loans, cover increased utility charges, laboratory fees and increased repair and maintenance expenses. The Company stated that the salary of its employees will remain unchanged.

On January 3, 2018, the Commission issued a *Suspension Order* pursuant to Wyo. Stat. § 37-3-106, suspending the effectiveness of the proposed rate change for the initial period provided for in the statute.

This is not a complete description of the Amended Application. Interested persons may inspect the Amended Application at the Commission's offices in Cheyenne, Wyoming, and at Orchard Valley's office located in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Anyone seeking to file a statement, protest, intervention or request for hearing must do so, in writing, with the Commission, on or before March 1, 2018. Any petitions filed shall set forth the grounds of the proposed intervention or request for hearing as well as the position and the interest of the petitioner in this proceeding. Please be sure to mention Docket No. 80011-5-WR-17 (Record No. 14670).

If you wish to intervene in this matter and/or request a public hearing which you will attend and you require reasonable accommodation for a disability, call the Commission at (307) 777-7427 or write the Commission at 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002. Communications impaired persons may contact the Commission through Wyoming Relay at 711.

Dated: January 8, 2018.