

Decision No. 92375 NOV 4 1980

**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the Application of CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE COMPANY, a corporation, for an order authorizing it to increase rates charged for water service in the Livermore District.

Application No. 58781  
(Filed April 5, 1979)

In the Matter of the Application of CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE COMPANY, a corporation, for an order authorizing it to increase rates charged for water service in the Los Altos Suburban District.

Application No. 58782  
(Filed April 5, 1979)

In the Matter of the Application of CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE COMPANY, a corporation, for an order authorizing it to increase rates charged for water service in the San Carlos District.

Application No. 58783  
(Filed April 5, 1979)

In the Matter of the Application of CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE COMPANY, a corporation, for an order authorizing it to increase rates charged for water service in the East Los Angeles District.

Application No. 58800  
(Filed April 12, 1979)

In the Matter of the Application of CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE COMPANY, a corporation, for an order authorizing it to increase rates charged for water service in the Palos Verdes District.

Application No. 58826  
(Filed April 25, 1979)

FINAL OPINION

By Decisions Nos. 91537, 91538, 91539, 91540, and 91541 dated April 2, 1980 California Water Service Company was authorized

to increase rates in its Livermore, Los Altos-Suburban, San Carlos, East Los Angeles, and Palos Verdes Districts for 1980, 1981, and 1982. In authorizing these step-rate increases, we determined that these matters would be held open in order to determine whether the adopted rate design for 1981 and 1982 was appropriate or should be further modified in order to promote conservation.

In order to promote conservation, rates should be usage sensitive. We believe the step-rate increases for 1981 and 1982 should be recovered through the quantity charge rather than an increase in the service charge. Accordingly, California Water Service Company will be authorized to file an advice letter requesting the step-rate increases for the respective districts, as shown in Appendix A attached to this order.

For the 1981 step-rate increase to become effective in January 1981, the advice letter must be filed by November 15, 1980. Thus, this order will be made effective the date hereof.

Findings of Fact

1. The rate increases authorized by the following order are justified.
2. A flattened rate schedule will tend to promote conservation more than the prior declining rates would have done.

Conclusion of Law

The rates authorized are just and reasonable.

FINAL ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that California Water Service Company is authorized to file an advice letter, with appropriate work papers, requesting the step increases attached to this order as Appendix A.

The effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated NOV 4 1980, at San Francisco, California.

John E. Burns  
President  
William L. Thompson  
Michael D. Marshall  
Charles J. ...  
Donald M. ...  
Commissioners

## APPENDIX A

Livermore Tariff Area

## AUTHORIZED INCREASE IN RATES

Each of the following increases in rates may be put into effect on the dates indicated by filing a rate schedule which adds the appropriate increase to the rates in effect:

<u>Rates to be Effective</u>	
<u>1-1-81</u>	<u>1-1-82</u>

SERVICE CHARGES TO REMAIN AT PRESENT LEVEL.

## Quantity Rates:

For the first 300 cu.ft. per 100 cu.ft.	\$0.019	\$0.012
For the next 29,700 cu.ft. per 100 cu.ft.	.020	.011
For all over 30,000 cu.ft. per 100 cu.ft.	.019	.012

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Los Altos Suburban Tariff Area

AUTHORIZED INCREASE IN RATES

Each of the following increases in rates may be put into effect on the dates indicated by filing a rate schedule which adds the appropriate increase to the rates in effect:

Rates to be Effective  
1-1-81                      1-1-82

SERVICE CHARGES TO REMAIN AT PRESENT LEVEL.

Quantity Rates:

For the first 300 cu.ft. per 100 cu.ft.	\$0.015	\$0.012
For the next 29,700 cu.ft. per 100 cu.ft.	.014	.012
For all over 30,000 cu.ft. per 100 cu.ft.	.015	.012

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San Carlos Tariff Area

AUTHORIZED INCREASE IN RATES

Each of the following increases in rates may be put into effect on the dates indicated by filing a rate schedule which adds the appropriate increase to the rates in effect:

Rates to be Effective  
1-1-81                      1-1-82

SERVICE CHARGES TO REMAIN AT PRESENT LEVEL

Quantity Rates:

For the first 300 cu.ft. per 100 cu.ft.	\$0.038	\$0.031
For the next 29,700 cu.ft. per 100 cu.ft.	.037	.032
For all over 30,000 cu.ft. per 100 cu.ft.	.038	.031

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East Los Angeles Tariff Area

## AUTHORIZED INCREASE IN RATES

Each of the following increases in rates may be put into effect on the dates indicated by filing a rate schedule which adds the appropriate increase to the rates in effect:

	<u>Rates to be Effective</u>	
	<u>1-1-81</u>	<u>1-1-82</u>
SERVICE CHARGES TO REMAIN AT PRESENT LEVEL.		
Quantity Rates:		
For the first 300 cu.ft. per 100 cu.ft.	\$0.021	\$0.018
For the next 29,700 cu.ft. per 100 cu.ft.	.022	.018
For all over 30,000 cu.ft. per 100 cu.ft.	.021	.019

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Palos Verdes Tariff Area

AUTHORIZED INCREASE IN RATES

Each of the following increases in rates may be put into effect on the dates indicated by filing a rate schedule which adds the appropriate increase to the rates in effect:

Rates to be Effective  
1-1-81                      1-1-82

SERVICE CHARGES TO REMAIN AT PRESENT LEVEL..

Quantity Rates:

For the first 300 cu.ft. per 100 cu.ft.	\$0.025	\$0.020
For the next 29,700 cu.ft. per 100 cu.ft.	.025	.021
For all over 30,000 cu.ft. per 100 cu.ft.	.026	.021