

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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RESOLUTION NO. W-3340

EVALUATION & COMPLIANCE DIVISION
BRANCH/SECTION: Water Utilities
DATE: October 1, 1986

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R E S O L U T I O N

SQUIRREL MOUNTAIN WATER COMPANY (SMWC). ORDER AUTHORIZING
 A COLLECTION CHARGE OF \$10.00 PURSUANT TO DECISION 83-06-065
 FOR THE COST OF MAKING A VISIT TO A CUSTOMER'S PREMISES TO
 DISCONNECT SERVICE FOR NONPAYMENT OF BILL.

By Advice Letter No. 19, filed on June 23, 1986, SMWC requests authority to add Section B.1.k. to Tariff Rule No. 11 for the imposition of a collection charge of \$10.00 when its representative makes a call to a customer's premises to discontinue water service for nonpayment of a bill. SMWC serves 314 customers in an unincorporated area near Isabella in Kern County.

Appendix B attached to Decision (D.) 83-06-065, dated June 15, 1983 in Order Instituting Ratemaking OIR-7 reads as follows:

"The following paragraph may be added to Rule No. 11, Discontinuance and Restoration of Service, as Section B.1.k. by separate advice letter filing approved by the Commission justifying the collection charge included therein:

1. For Nonpayment of Bills

- k. The Utility may require payment of a collection charge of \$ ____ when Utility's representative makes a call to a customer's premises to discontinue service for nonpayment of a bill and, to avoid discontinuance of service, the customer makes payment in full."

The Water Utilities Branch (Branch) has reviewed SMWC's workpapers supporting the \$10.00 charge and believes the charge is reasonable. The Branch recommends that Advice Letter No. 19 be approved.

A notice of the proposed collection charge was mailed to the customers of SMWC on May 30, 1986. No protests or correspondence have been received from SMWC's customers.

After investigation by the Branch, the Commission's opinion is that Advice Letter No. 19 should be approved.

THE COMMISSION FINDS that the collection charge of \$10.00 proposed in Advice Letter No. 19 meets the requirements of D.83-06-065 and is justified.

IT IS RESOLVED that:

1. Squirrel Mountain Water Company is authorized to add Section B.l.k. to Tariff Rule No. 11 as requested in Advice Letter No. 19, requiring payment of a collection charge of \$10.00 when its representative makes a call to a customer's premises to discontinue service for nonpayment of a bill and, to avoid discontinuance of service, the customer makes payment in full.

2. The effective date of the revised Rule No. 11 shall be the same as the effective date of the resolution.

3. This resolution is effective today.

I certify that this resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission at its regular meeting on October 1, 1986. The following Commissioners approved it:



VICTOR R. WEISSNER

DONALD VIAL
President
VICTOR CALVO
PRISCILLA C. GREW
FREDERICK R. DUDA
STANLEY W. HULETT
Commissioners