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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COMMISSION ADVISORY & COMPLIANCE DIVISION  
Water Utilities Branch

RESOLUTION NO. W-3379  
February 10, 1988

RESOLUTION

(Res. W-3379), CITIZENS UTILITIES COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA (CUCC), SACRAMENTO DISTRICT.  
ORDER AUTHORIZING AN OFFSET RATE INCREASE PRODUCING \$75,700 OR 1.3% ADDITIONAL ANNUAL REVENUE.

By Advice Letter No. 251, filed December 21, 1987, CUCC requests authority under Section VI of General Order 96-A, and Section 454 of the Public Utilities Code to increase rates to offset a \$75,700 increase in purchased power costs. CUCC, in its Sacramento District, serves about 35,955 flat rate and 4,500 metered customers in the unincorporated communities in Sacramento County generally known as Cordova, Rosemont, Parkway Estates, Lindale, Foothill Farms, Arlington Heights, Linwood Loretto Heights, Arden Highlands, Arden Estates, El Camino Terrace, El Camino Square, and Lincoln Oaks (partly in Placer County) and the city of Isleton and vicinity.

The present rates became effective on July 29, 1987 pursuant to Resolution W-3367 which authorized an offset increase. The last general rate increase became effective on July 26, 1985 pursuant to Decision 85-07-084 in which the Commission found the rate of return on rate base of 12.04% for 1985 reasonable, with a 13.5% return on equity.

CUCC purchases its power from the Sacramento Municipal Utility District and the Pacific Gas and Electric Company. The offset increase requested herein is for the purpose of recovering in rates, on a dollar-for-dollar basis, increases in the cost of power that have occurred since CUCC's present rates have been in effect.

Service is satisfactory. There are no Commission orders requiring system improvement, nor are there significant service problems requiring corrective action.

CUCC has given public notice of the request for increase by publishing in the local newspaper on December 24, 1987. No customer protests or correspondence have been received.

Since the requested increase is caused by changes in expenses directly related to water consumption, the Water Utilities Branch (Branch) recommends that it be applied to the quantity rates for the metered customers. Under the Branch's recommendation, the rates for all quantities of water delivered would be increased by \$0.004 per Ccf. (One Ccf is equal to one-hundred cubic feet.)

The flat rates have been increased approximately by the system average increase.

The table below shows typical bills for residential customers at various usage levels at present and proposed rates:

General Metered Service (5/8 x 3/4-inch meters)

<u>Monthly Usage</u>	<u>Present Rates</u>	<u>Proposed Rates</u>	<u>Percent Increase</u>
1,000 cu.ft.	\$ 8.75	\$ 8.79	0.4
2,000	12.00	12.08	0.7
4,000	18.50	18.66	0.9
6,000	25.00	25.24	1.0
8,000	31.50	31.82	1.0

Residential Flat Rate Service

	<u>Present Rates</u>	<u>Proposed Rates</u>	<u>Percent Increase</u>
<u>Single-Family Residential Unit</u>			
4,500 sq.ft., or less	\$ 7.50	\$ 7.60	1.3
4,500 - 8,000 sq.ft.	10.10	10.25	1.5
<u>Additional Units</u>	6.75	6.85	1.5
or <u>Area</u>	0.30	0.30	0.0

Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 792.5, CUCC is directed to maintain its water supply balancing accounts.

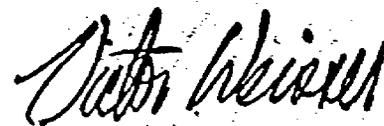
THE COMMISSION FINDS, after investigation by the Branch, that the rates hereby authorized are justified.

IT IS ORDERED that Citizens Utilities Company of California is authorized, on the effective date herein, to make effective revised Schedules Nos. SAC-1 and SAC-2R attached to Advice Letter No. 251 and to cancel the presently effective rate schedules for water service.

This resolution is effective today.

I certify that this resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission at its regular meeting on February 10, 1988. The following Commissioners approved it:

STANLEY W. HULETT  
President  
DONALD VIAL  
FREDERICK R. DUDA  
G. MITCHELL WILK  
Commissioners



VICTOR R. WEISSER  
Executive Director