

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COMMISSION ADVISORY AND COMPLIANCE DIVISION  
WATER UTILITIES BRANCHRESOLUTION W-3565  
MAY 8, 1991R E S O L U T I O NRESOLUTION W-3565. DOMINGUEZ WATER CORPORATION.  
REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO REVISE ITS MANDATORY  
WATER CONSERVATION AND RATIONING PLAN.BY ADVICE LETTER 145, FILED MARCH 26, 1991SUMMARY

Dominguez Water Corporation (DWC) requests authority to revise its Rule 14.1, Mandatory Water Conservation and Rationing Plan (Rationing Plan) to include a Stage VI level. This resolution grants the request. This action is required by the action of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) in response to severe drought conditions in California.

BACKGROUND

DWC serves about 32,000 customers in the metropolitan Los Angeles area. It purchases 80-percent of the water it distributes from MWD and pumps 20-percent from wells.

MWD had previously instituted a rationing requirement of all retailing entities to which it supplies water, including DWC. The required program provided six stages of responses ranging from voluntary conservation in Stage I to a 30-percent reduction in Stage VI for general metered customers. Stage V became effective March 1, 1991.

DWC's Rationing Plan was authorized by Commission Resolution W-3542 on February 21, 1991. At the time DWC requested authorization to include its proposed Rationing Plan in its authorized tariffs, it chose not to include Stage VI. DWC now believes that it is likely that MWD will call for Stage VI rationing in the coming summer.

Section 357 of the Water Code requires that suppliers that are subject to regulation by the Commission shall secure its approval before imposing water consumption regulations and restrictions required by water shortage emergencies.

DISCUSSION

Stage VI rationing increases water reduction targets to 30-percent for general metered customers and 90-percent for metered irrigation customers. As with Stage V, Stage VI authorizes the use of flow

restrictors in situations of chronic overuse of water. Excess water use penalties and incentives remain the same as for Stage V; \$0.905 and \$0.227 per 100 cubic feet of water respectively. DWC's proposed Rationing Plan, as revised, is attached to this resolution as Appendix A.

NOTICE

MWD's rationing requirements are given considerable attention in the news media serving the Los Angeles area. On April 8, the DWC gave notice to its customers in two widely circulated newspapers that it was adding Stage VI to its Rationing Plan.

PROTESTS

No protests have been received by the Commission.

FINDINGS

1. DWC purchases nearly all of its water supply from MWD.
2. Drought conditions in California continue and are likely to cause MWD to impose Stage VI of its mandatory water conservation program on retail entities to which it supplies water.
3. DWC's Rule 14.1, Mandatory Water Conservation and Rationing Plan should be revised as proposed to include Stage VI.

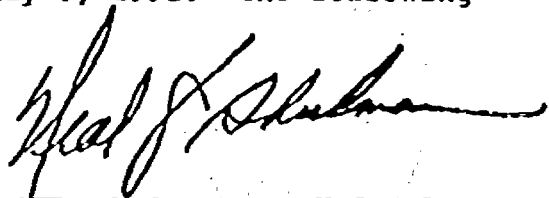
IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Dominguez Water Corporation is authorized to revise its Rule 14.1, Mandatory Water Conservation and Rationing Plan as proposed by Advice Letter No. 145. The effective date of these revisions shall be five (5) days from the date of this resolution.

This resolution is effective today.

I certify that this resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission at its regular meeting on May 8, 1991. the following Commissioners approved it:

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Rule No. 14.1

MANDATORY WATER CONSERVATION AND RATIONING

A. TERRITORY

This Rule is applicable within the entire territory served by the Company.

B. DEFINITIONS

As used in this water conservation and rationing plan, the word:

1. "Company or utility" means the Dominguez Water Corporation;

2. "Person" means any individual, person, firm, partnership, association, corporation, company, organization or governmental entity;

3. "Customer" means any person supplied or entitled to be supplied with water service for compensation by the utility. (T)

4. "Water" means water supplied by the Company;

5. "MWD" means the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California;

6. "Stage" (I thru VI), "Allocation Percentage," and "Penalty Charge/Incentive Credits" are the terms, definitions, and water rates as determined by MWD in its "Incremental Interruption and Conservation Plan" adopted January 8, 1991 in effect on the date this Rule becomes effective. (C)

7. "Target" the amount of water a customer may use without paying penalty or receive reward - use more water than target amount a penalty is charged; use less water than target amount a reward is credited; (T)

8. "Commission" means the California Public Utilities Commission.

9. "Base year" usage means the usage 1989 calendar year for residential customers and the usage 1989/1990 water year for all other customers. (T)

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B. 10. "Floor" is the amount of water usage which if not exceeded by the customer will result in the customer's Target being equal to his or her Base Year usage.

TARGETS ARE COMPUTED:

- a. Above Floor: Allocation percentage (%) times base year usage equals Target Amount
- b. Floor or Below: Base year usage equals Target Amount

11. "Minimum" is the amount of water usage which if not exceeded by the customer will result in the customer being exempt from Section (E) 1. and 2. of this rule.

C. CONSERVATION - NON-ESSENTIAL OR UNAUTHORIZED WATER USE

- 1. No customer shall use utility-supplied water for non-essential or unauthorized uses as defined.
- 2. The following uses of water are hereby determined to be, and are defined as, non-essential or unauthorized, except as further provided herein:
  - a. Any use of water in excess of the following targets:

The target amount for each customer shall be the allocation percentage shown below of the quantity of water used by such customer during the calendar year 1989 for residential customers and the comparable billing period from July, 1989 to June, 1990 for all other customers;

	STAGE I	STAGE II	STAGE III	STAGE IV	STAGE V	STAGE VI	(C)	
GENERAL METERED	Voluntary	95%	90%	85%	80%	70%		
METERED IRRIGATION	Voluntary	80%	70%	60%	50%	10%		
FLOOR ON BASE YEAR USAGE	N/A	30 ccf	26 ccf	20 ccf	16 ccf	16 ccf		
ENFORCEMENT BY RESTRICTORS	N/A	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES		
MINIMUM						12 ccf		
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E. 3. On September 30th of each year in which Stages II through VI are in effect, or following MWD determination that Stages II through VI are no longer in effect, whichever is earlier, there will be a reconciliation of the monthly penalties and credits during that year or partial year. At this reconciliation, conserved water for which the customer received a incentive credit payment will offset overages on which the customer paid the penalty. For such offsets, the Company will credit the customer the difference between the incentive credits and the penalty charge. Therefore, if, at the end of the reconciliation period, a customer overused in some months and under used in other months in such quantities that the over and under use equaled each other on a hundred cubic feet basis, that customer will have evened out its account. The end result in this case would be an adjustment of previous billings so there would be no penalty charge and no incentive credit for the period. (C)

4. Any monies collected from customers by the Company through penalty charges in excess of credits and penalty payments to MWD, and any incentive credits collected from MWD in excess of rewards credited to customers, shall not be accounted for as income, but shall be accumulated by the Company in a separate reserve account for disposition as directed or authorized from time-to-time by the California Public Utilities Commission. (T)

5. The excess water use penalty is in addition to the regular rate schedule cost per ccf.

F. ENFORCEMENT OF MANDATORY CONSERVATION AND RATIONING

1. Enforcement of mandatory conservation and rationing will be authorized in accordance with the stage requested by MWD as set forth in Section (C)2. of this Rule.

2. The water use restrictions of the conservation program in Section C of this Rule become mandatory when the rationing program goes into effect. These restrictions are applicable whether or not the customer exceeds the target amount. (T)

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MANDATORY WATER CONSERVATION AND RATIONING PLAN

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

- 1. When Rule No. 14.1 is in effect and the utility determines that water supplies are again sufficient to meet normal demands and mandatory conservation and rationing measures are no longer necessary, the utility shall seek Commission approval to rescind Rule No. 14.1 to discontinue rationing.

The utility shall make available to its customers water conservation kits as required by Rule No. 21. The utility shall notify all customers of the availability of conservation kits.

- 2. The utility will implement MWD "Stages (I thru VI)" "Allocation Percentage" and "Penalty Charge/Incentive Credits" as set forth in this Rule 14.1, and defined in Section(B)6. The utility will not implement any other MWD board resolutions or other MWD modifications of its "Incremental Interruption and Conservation Plan" without prior approval by the Commission.
- 3. Nothing in the rule shall change or conflict with any other rule of the Company, including, without limitation, any rules of the Company that govern new customer connections.

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