

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COMMISSION ADVISORY & COMPLIANCE DIVISION  
Water Utilities BranchRESOLUTION NO. W-3583  
July 2, 1991R E S O L U T I O N

(RES. W-3583), SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WATER COMPANY (SCWC),  
SIMI VALLEY DISTRICT. ORDER AUTHORIZING AN OFFSET RATE  
INCREASE PRODUCING \$690,285 OR 16.17% ADDITIONAL ANNUAL  
REVENUE.

BACKGROUND

By Advice Letter 837-W, filed May 24, 1991, SCWC requests authority under Section VI of General Order 96-A and Section 454 of the Public Utilities Code to increase rates to offset: (1) a \$676,650 increase in purchased water costs, and (2) \$13,635 in related increases in uncollectibles and franchise requirements. SCWC serves approximately 12,250 metered customers in Ventura County.

The present rates became effective on January 1, 1991, pursuant to Resolution No. W-3532, in which the Commission granted an increase of \$199,200 or 5.08% for purchased water.

DISCUSSION

The offset increase requested herein is for the purpose of recovering in rates, on a dollar-for-dollar basis, changes in items that have occurred since the present rates became effective. This rate increase will not result in a return greater than that previously authorized.

The reason for the \$676,650 increase in purchased water costs is an increase in the rates the Calleguas Municipal Water District charges SCWC's Simi Valley District. The cost of water has been increased from \$0.6221 to \$0.7966 per Ccf. (One Ccf is one hundred cubic feet.)

To determine if purchased power is being used efficiently, the Branch reviewed the latest pump efficiency tests and found the results to be satisfactory.

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

To promote conservation, SCWC has requested its customers, through bill inserts and distribution of conservation material, to reduce their water consumption.

This increase will result in a \$3.95 per month or 16.13% increase for the average customer on a 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter. The average monthly bill will increase from \$24.46 to \$28.41 for average users who use 20 Ccf per month.

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NOTICE AND PROTEST

SCWC has given public notice of the request for increase by publishing in the local newspaper on May 29, 1991. No customer protest or correspondence has been received.

FINDINGS

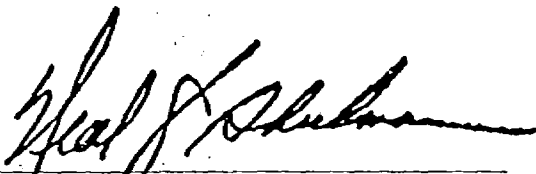
THE COMMISSION FINDS, after investigation by the Branch, that the rate increase hereby authorized is justified, and the resulting rate is just and reasonable.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Southern California Water Company is authorized, five days after the effective date herein, to make effective revised Schedule No. SI-1 attached to Advice Letter No. 837-W, and to cancel the presently effective rate schedule for water service.
2. Southern California Water Company is directed to maintain its balancing account as required by Public Utilities Code Section 792.5.
3. This resolution is effective today.

I certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission at its regular meeting on July 2, 1991. The following Commissioners approved it:

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