

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COMMISSION ADVISORY & COMPLIANCE DIVISION
Water Utilities BranchRESOLUTION NO. W-3614
September 25, 1991

R E S O L U T I O N

(RES. W-3614), SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WATER COMPANY (SCWC),
POMONA VALLEY DISTRICT. ORDER AUTHORIZING AN OFFSET RATE
INCREASE PRODUCING \$136,482 OR 2.16% ADDITIONAL ANNUAL
REVENUE.

BACKGROUND

By Advice Letter 843-W, filed August 7, 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 \$135,641 increase in purchased water costs, and (2) a corresponding \$841 increase in uncollectibles and franchise requirements. SCWC serves approximately 10,373 metered customers in its Pomona Valley District.

The present rates became effective on January 1, 1991, pursuant to Decision No. 90-12-118.

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 \$135,641 increase in purchased water costs is due to increases in purchased water charges from the following agencies: (a) Three Valleys Municipal Water District from \$228 to \$259 per acre-foot, (b) West End Consolidated Water Company from \$121 to \$193.60 per acre-foot, and (c) Monte Vista Water Co. from \$305 to \$322.34 per acre-foot.

The requested expense offset will result in a \$0.033/Ccf increase in the quantity rate. 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 at this time.

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 \$1.07 per month or 2.41% increase for the average customer on a 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter. The average monthly bill will increase from \$44.31 to \$45.38 for average users who use 32 Ccf per month.

NOTICE AND PROTEST

SCWC has given public notice of the request for increase by publishing in the local newspaper on August 12, 1991. No customer protests or letters have been received.

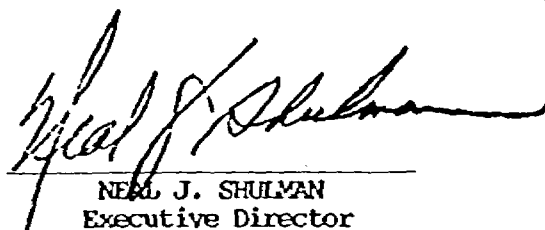
FINDINGS

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 Schedules Nos. PV-1 and PVC-1, attached to Advice Letter No. 843-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 September 25, 1991. The following Commissioners approved it:


NEAL J. SHULMAN
Executive Director

I abstain

G. MITCHELL WILK
Commissioner

PATRICIA M. ECKERT
President
JOHN B. OHANIAN
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NORMAN D. SHUMWAY
Commissioners