

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COMMISSION ADVISORY & COMPLIANCE DIVISION
Water Utilities BranchRESOLUTION NO. W-3669
August 11, 1992

RESOLUTION

(RES. W-3669) EAST PASADENA WATER COMPANY (EPWC) -
ORDER AUTHORIZING AN OFFSET RATE INCREASE PRODUCING
\$62,373 OR 8.0% ADDITIONAL ANNUAL REVENUE.

BACKGROUND

By Advice Letter No. 45, filed May 20, 1992, EPWC 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 \$22,674 increase in purchased power costs, and (2) a \$39,699 increase in pumping assessment costs. EPWC serves about 2,677 metered customers in the vicinity of the City of Pasadena, in Los Angeles County.

The present rates became effective on March 22, 1991, pursuant to Resolution W-3550 which authorized an offset increase for purchased power and pumping assessment.

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. EPWC purchases its power from Southern California Edison Company. EPWC groundwater charges are assessed by Raymond Basin Water Master and the Main San Gabriel Basin and are based on the amount of groundwater pumped. The requested increase would not result in a rate of return greater than the 12.91% last authorized.

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. The rates for all quantities of water delivered would be increase by \$0.086 per Ccf (One Ccf equals 100 cubic feet of water).

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

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>
300 cu.ft.	\$ 6.15	\$ 6.40	4.1%
1,000	11.75	12.65	7.7
1,500	15.80	17.05	7.9
1,700 (avg.)	17.39	18.86	8.5
2,500	23.80	25.95	9.0

For the average customer who uses 17 Ccf per month and has a 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter, this rate change will result in an increase of \$1.47 per month or 8.45%.

NOTICE AND PROTESTS

EPWC has given public notice of the request for increase by publishing in the local newspaper on June 25 through July 1, 1992. No customer protests or correspondence have been received.

FINDING

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

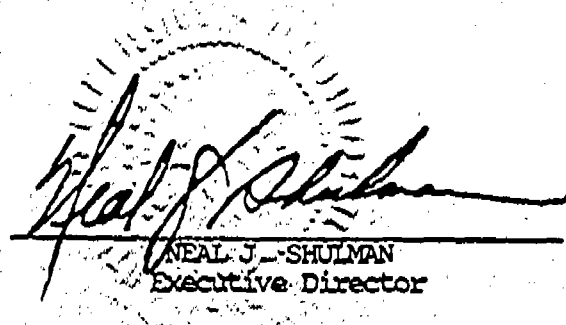
IT IS ORDERED that:

1. East Pasadena Water Company is authorized, after five days after the effective date herein, to make effective revised Schedule No. 1 attached to Advice Letter No. 45, and concurrently to cancel its presently effective rate Schedule No. 1.
2. East Pasadena 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 August 11, 1992. The following Commissioners approved it:

DANIEL Wm. FESSLER
President
PATRICIA M. ECKERT
NORMAN D. SHUMWAY
Commissioners

Commissioner John B. Ohanian,
being necessarily absent, did
not participate.



NEAL J. SHULMAN
Executive Director