

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COMMISSION ADVISORY & COMPLIANCE DIVISION
Water Utilities BranchRESOLUTION NO. W-3690
October 6, 1992

RESOLUTION

(RES. W-3690), BUHL WATER SYSTEM (BWS). ORDER
AUTHORIZING A ONE-TIME SURCHARGE PRODUCING ADDITIONAL
ANNUAL REVENUE OF \$1,650 OR 4.90% FOR 1992.

BACKGROUND

By Advice Letter 20, filed September 11, 1992, BWS requested authority under Section VI of General Order 96-A and Section 454 of the Public Utilities Code to impose a one-time charge of \$8.05 per customer to recover the Department of Health Services (DHS) fee for fiscal year July 1, 1991 to June 30, 1992. BWS serves 205 customers in an area known as Tract 249 and vicinity, located approximately 3 miles southwest of the city of Visalia, Tulare County.

The present rates became effective on July 18, 1992, pursuant to Resolution W-3655 which authorized a general rate increase of \$6,146 or 19.98%.

DISCUSSION

Resolution W-3641 dated May 8, 1992 authorized each water utility regulated by the Commission and subject to the provisions of Health and Safety Code Sections 4020 and 4020.5 to establish a memorandum account in which to record payment of Department of Health Services Office of Drinking Water fees resulting from those code sections. Subject utilities were also authorized to request recovery of the account balance by advice letter filing in accordance with General Order No. 96-A.

Pursuant to W-3655, BWS is authorized to file for an offset rate increase to recover the DHS annual fee once the official bill has been received.

The surcharge requested herein would allow BWS to recover the memorandum account balance established to record DHS fees for fiscal year July 1, 1991 - June 30, 1992.

PROTESTS

BWS mailed a notice of this increase request to all customers on September 10, 1992. No protests have been received.

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

The Branch recommends that BWS be authorized to assess a one-time surcharge of \$8.05 to each single-family residential unit to recover the \$1,650 balance in the memorandum account accruing the billed DHS fee. Revenues received from

such surcharge should be limited to the initial amount billed to BWS by DHS. The Branch further recommends that BWS be authorized to hold open such memorandum account until BWS' next general rate proceeding.

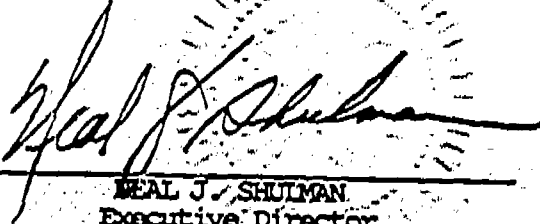
FINDINGS

THE COMMISSION FINDS, after investigation by the Branch, that recovery of the memorandum account balance authorized herein is justified, and the resulting one-time charge of \$8.05 is just and reasonable.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Buhl Water System is authorized, on the effective date herein, to make effective revised Schedule No. 1, General Metered Service, and Schedule No. 2R, Residential Flat Rate Service, attached to Advice Letter No. 20 and to cancel the presently effective Schedules No. 1 and 2R.
2. The memorandum account as authorized above may remain open until Buhl Water System's next general rate proceeding.
3. This resolution is effective today.

I certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission at its regular meeting on October 6, 1992. The following Commissioners approved it:



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