

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COMMISSION ADVISORY & COMPLIANCE DIVISION
Water Utilities BranchRESOLUTION NO. W-3691
October 6, 1992

RESOLUTION

(RES. W-3691), EPICO-VISALIA WATER SYSTEM (EWS). ORDER
AUTHORIZING A ONE-TIME SURCHARGE PRODUCING ADDITIONAL
ANNUAL REVENUE OF \$1,650 OR 4.38% FOR 1992.

BACKGROUND

By Advice Letter 23, filed September 11, 1992, EWS 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 \$7.02 per customer to recover the Department of Health Services (DHS) fee for fiscal year July 1, 1991 to June 30, 1992. EWS serves 226 flat rate and 9 metered rate customers in an area known as Tract 179 and vicinity, located approximately 1 mile west of the city of Visalia, Tulare County.

The present rates became effective on July 18, 1992, pursuant to Resolution W-3658 which authorized a general rate increase of \$1,487 or 4.03%.

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-3658, EWS 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 EWS to recover the memorandum account balance established to record DHS fees for fiscal year July 1, 1991 - June 30, 1992.

PROTESTS

EWS 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 EWS be authorized to assess a one-time surcharge of \$7.02 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 EWS by DHS. The Branch further recommends that EWS be authorized to hold open such memorandum account until EWS' next general rate proceeding.

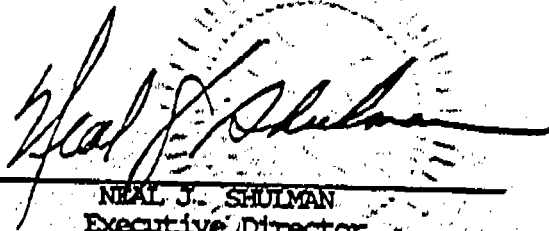
FINDINGS

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 \$7.02 is just and reasonable.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. EPTCO-Visalia Water System is authorized, on the effective date herein, to make effective revised Schedule No. 1, General Metered Service, and Schedule No. 2, General Flat Rate Service, attached to Advice Letter No. 23 and to cancel the presently effective Schedules No. 1 and 2.
2. The memorandum account as authorized above may remain open until EPTCO-Visalia 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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