

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COMMISSION ADVISORY & COMPLIANCE DIVISION  
Water Utilities BranchRESOLUTION NO. W-3695  
October 21, 1992

## RESOLUTION

(RES. W-3695), HILLVIEW WATER COMPANY (HWC). ORDER  
AUTHORIZING A ONE-TIME SURCHARGE PRODUCING \$5,500  
OR 0.9% ADDITIONAL ONE-TIME REVENUE.

BY ADVICE LETTER NO. 36, FILED ON AUGUST 26, 1992.

BACKGROUND

HWC requested authority under Section VI of General Order 96-A, and Section 454 of the Public Utilities Code to offset a \$5,500 increase to recover the Department of Health Services (DHS) fee for fiscal year July 1, 1991 to June 30, 1992. HWC serves about 1,078 metered customers in the unincorporated community of Oakhurst, and vicinity, in Madera County.

The present rates became effective on May 15, 1992, pursuant to Resolution W-3642 which authorized an interim rate increase of \$50,780 or 9.11%.

NOTICE AND PROTESTS

HWC has given public notice of the request for increase by publishing in the local newspaper on September 17, 1992. No protests or correspondence have been received.

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 4030 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.

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

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

The Water Utilities Branch (Branch) recommends that HWC be authorized to assess a one-time surcharge of \$5.10 to each single-family residential unit to recover the \$5,500 balance in the memorandum account accruing the billed DHS

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

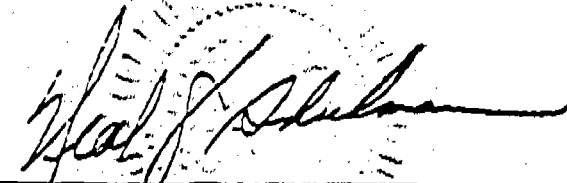
**FINDINGS**

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 \$5.10 is just and reasonable.

**IT IS ORDERED that:**

1. Hillview Water Company is authorized, five days after the effective date herein, to make effective revised Schedule No. 1, General Metered Service attached to Advice Letter No. 36 and to cancel the presently effective Schedule No. 1.
2. The memorandum account as authorized above may remain open until Hillview Water Company'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 21, 1992. The following Commissioners approved it:

  
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