

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COMMISSION ADVISORY & COMPLIANCE DIVISION
Water Utilities Branch

RESOLUTION NO. W-3703
November 6, 1992

RESOLUTION

(RES. W-3703), CAMP MEEKER WATER SYSTEM, INC. (CMWS).
ORDER AUTHORIZING A ONE-TIME SURCHARGE PRODUCING
ADDITIONAL ANNUAL REVENUE OF \$5,500 OR 9.6% FOR 1992.

BACKGROUND

By Advice Letter 26, filed September 14, 1992, CMWS 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 \$15.71 per customer to recover the Department of Health Services (DHS) fee for fiscal year July 1, 1991 through June 30, 1992. CMWS presently serves 350 residential flat rate customers and no metered rate customers in the unincorporated area known as Camp Meeker and vicinity, Sonoma County.

The present rates became effective on April 14, 1987, pursuant to Decision No. 84-09-093 which authorized a step increase of \$1,092 or 2%.

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.

The surcharge requested herein would allow CMWS to recover the memorandum account balance established on the basis of receipt of the DHS bill for fiscal year July 1, 1991 through June 30, 1992. The DHS fee would be paid from the funds collected from CMWS's customers as provided in W-3641.

The Water Utilities Branch (Branch) recommends that CMWS be authorized to assess a one-time surcharge of \$15.71 to each single-family residential unit to recover the \$5,500 balance in the memorandum account accruing the billed DHS fee. Revenue received from such surcharge should be limited to the initial amount billed to CMWS by DHS. The Branch further recommends that CMWS be authorized to hold open such memorandum account until CMWS's next general rate proceeding.

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

PROTESTS

CMWS distributed a notice of this increase request to its customers on September 25, 1992. No protests have been received.

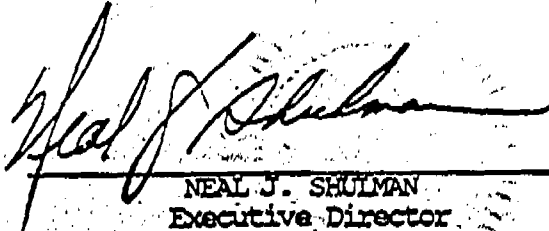
FINDINGS

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 \$15.71 is just and reasonable.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Camp Meeker Water System, Inc. is authorized, on the effective date herein, to make effective revised Schedule No. 1, Metered Service, and Schedule No. 2AR, Annual Residential Flat Rate Service, attached to this resolution and to cancel the presently effective Schedules No. 1 and 2AR. The effective date of the revised rate schedules shall be five days after the date of this resolution.
2. The memorandum account as authorized above may remain open until Camp Meeker 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 November 6, 1992. The following Commissioners approved it:


NEAL J. SHULMAN
Executive Director

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

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Schedule No. 1

GENERAL METERED SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all metered water service.

TERRITORY

The unincorporated area known as Camp Meeker and vicinity, Sonoma County.

RATES

Monthly Quantity Rate:

	<u>Per Meter</u> <u>Per Month</u>
All water, per 100 cubic feet	\$ 0.66

Service Charge:

	<u>Per Meter</u> <u>Service</u> <u>Charge</u>	<u>Per Month</u> <u>SDWBA</u> <u>Surcharge</u>	
For 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter	\$ 8.16	\$ 7.00	(T)
For 3/4-inch meter	9.18	10.50	
For 1-inch meter	12.24	17.50	

The service charge is a readiness-to-serve charge, which is applicable to all metered service and to which is added the charge for water used computed at the Quantity Rates.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. The Safe Drinking Water Bond Act (SDWBA) surcharge is in addition to the regular metered water bill. The total surcharge must be identified on each bill. This surcharge is specifically for the repayment of the California SDWBA loan authorized by Decision 86-02-006. (D)
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2. A one-time charge of \$15.71 per customer shall be collected for the fiscal year July 1, 1991 through June 30, 1992, to recover the operating cost fees imposed by the Department of Health Services pursuant to Assembly Bill 2158. (N)
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3. All bills are subject to the reimbursement fee set forth in Schedule No. UF. (L)
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Schedule No. 2A
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ANNUAL FLAT RATE SERVICE

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

2. For services covered by the above classifications, if the utility so elects, a meter shall be installed and service provided under Schedule No. 1, Metered Service, effective as of the first day of the following calendar month. Where the flat rate charge for a period has been paid in advance, refund of the prorated difference between such flat rate payment and the minimum meter charge for the same period shall be made on or before that day.
3. The annual flat rate charge applies to service during the 12-month period commencing January 1 and is due in advance. If a permanent resident of the area has been a customer of the utility for at least 12 months, he may elect, at the beginning of the calendar year, to pay prorated flat rate charges in advance at intervals of not less than one year (monthly, bimonthly or quarterly) in accordance with the utility's established billing periods. A non-permanent resident may elect to pay the annual charge in two equal installments. Where such a resident has failed to pay the first half of the annual charge due January 1, service will not be restored until the total annual charge has been paid.
4. The opening bill for flat rate service shall be the established annual flat rate charge for the service. Where initial service is established after the first day of any year, the portion of such annual charge applicable to the current year shall be determined by multiplying the annual charge by one three-hundred-sixty-fifth (1/365) of the number of days remaining in the calendar year. The balance of the payment of the initial annual charge shall be credited against the charges for the succeeding annual period. If service is not continued for at least one year after the date of initial service, no refund of the initial annual charges shall be due to the customer.
5. A one-time charge of \$15.71 per customer shall be collected for the fiscal year July 1, 1991 through June 30, 1992, in accordance with Commission Resolution W-3461 to recover the operating cost fees imposed by the Department of Health Services pursuant to Assembly Bill 2158.
6. All bills are subject to the reimbursement fee set forth in Schedule UF.

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