

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COMMISSION ADVISORY & COMPLIANCE DIVISION
Water Utilities BranchRESOLUTION NO. W-3713
November 23, 1992

RESOLUTION

(RES. W-3713), SANTA CLARITA WATER COMPANY (SCWC). ORDER AUTHORIZING A ONE-TIME SURCHARGE PRODUCING ADDITIONAL ANNUAL REVENUE OF \$8,250 OR 0.11% FOR 1992.

BY ADVICE LETTER NO. 59, FILED SEPTEMBER 30, 1992.

BACKGROUND

SCWC 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 \$0.43 per customer to recover the Department of Health Services (DHS) fee for fiscal year July 1, 1991 to June 30, 1992. SCWC serves 18,955 customers in an area known as Bouquet Canyon and vicinity, near Saugus, Los Angeles County.

The present metered rates became effective on August 1, 1983, pursuant to Decision No. (D.) 82-08-19; present flat rates became effective on January 1, 1983, in accordance with D.82-08-109.

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

PROTESTS

SCWC published a notice of this increase request in a local newspaper on October 9, 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 SCWC be authorized to assess a one-time surcharge of \$0.43 to each active service connection unit to recover the \$8,250 balance in the memorandum account accruing the billed DHS fee. Revenues received from such surcharge should be limited to the initial amount billed to SCWC by DHS. The Branch further recommends that SCWC be authorized to hold open such memorandum account until SCWC's next general rate proceeding.

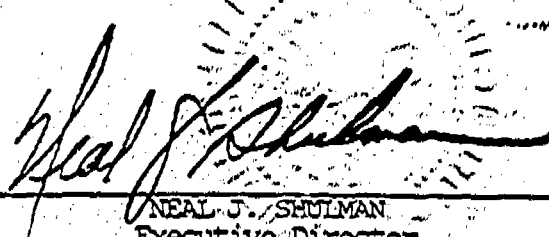
FINDINGS

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 \$0.43 is just and reasonable.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Santa Clarita Water Company is authorized, on the effective date herein, to make effective revised Schedule No. 1, Metered Service, and Schedule No. 2L, Limited Flat Rate Service, attached to Advice Letter No. 59, and to cancel the presently effective Schedules No. 1 and 2L.
2. The memorandum account as authorized above may remain open until Santa Clarita 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 November 23, 1992. The following Commissioners approved it:


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