

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COMMISSION ADVISORY & COMPLIANCE DIVISION
Water Utilities BranchRESOLUTION NO. W-3715
December 3, 1992

RESOLUTION

(RES. W-3715), DONNER LAKE UTILITY COMPANY (DLUC). ORDER AUTHORIZING A ONE-TIME SURCHARGE PRODUCING ADDITIONAL ANNUAL REVENUE OF \$4,400 OR 1.54% FOR 1992.

BY ADVICE LETTER NO. 37, FILED SEPTEMBER 29, 1992.

BACKGROUND

By Advice Letter No. 37, DLUC 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 \$3.81 per customer to recover the Department of Health Services (DHS) fee for fiscal year July 1, 1991 through June 30, 1992. DLUC presently serves 1,112 flat rate and 43 metered rate customers in an area known as Donner Lake and vicinity, located in Nevada and Placer Counties.

The present rates became effective on March 30, 1989, pursuant to Resolution No. W-3435 which authorized a \$25,767 or 9.92% increase.

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 DLUC 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 DLUC's customers as provided in W-3641.

The Water Utilities Branch (Branch) recommends that DLUC be authorized to assess a one-time surcharge of \$3.81 to each single-family residential unit to recover the \$4,400 balance in the memorandum account accruing the billed DHS fee. Revenue received from such surcharge should be limited to the initial amount billed to DLUC by DHS. The Branch further recommends that DLUC be authorized to hold open such memorandum account until DLUC'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

DLUC published a notice of this increase request in a local paper on October 22, 1992. No protests have been received.

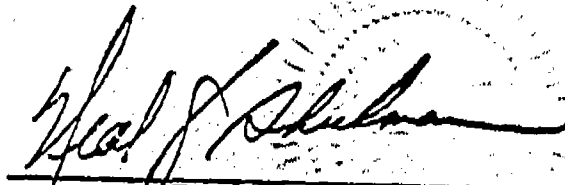
FINDINGS

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 \$3.81 is just and reasonable.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Donner Lake Utility Company is authorized, on the effective date herein, to make effective revised Schedule No. 1A, Annual General Metered Service, and Schedule No. 2A, Annual General Flat Rate Service, attached to this resolution as Appendix A and to cancel the presently effective Schedules No. 1A and 2A. 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 Donner Lake Utility 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 December 3, 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

Appendix A
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Schedule No. 1A

ANNUAL GENERAL METERED SERVICE
(continued)

SPECIAL CONDITIONS (Cont.)

2. The opening bill for metered service, except for conversion from flat rate service, shall be the established annual service charge for the service size. 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 the customer.

6. A one-time charge of \$3.81 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. (N)

4. All bills are subject to the reimbursement fee set forth in Schedule No. UF. (L)

Schedule No. 2A

ANNUAL GENERAL FLAT RATE SERVICE
(continued)

SPECIAL CONDITIONS (Cont.)

4. 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 at intervals of less than one year (monthly, bimonthly or quarterly) in accordance with the utility's established billing periods.
5. 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.
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