

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COMMISSION ADVISORY & COMPLIANCE DIVISION
Water Utilities BranchRESOLUTION NO. W-3718
December 3, 1992

RESOLUTION

(RES. W-3718), SAN GABRIEL VALLEY WATER COMPANY, LOS ANGELES COUNTY DIVISION (SGWVC). ORDER AUTHORIZING A ONE-TIME SURCHARGE PRODUCING ADDITIONAL ANNUAL REVENUE OF \$14,350 OR 0.1% FOR FISCAL YEAR 1991-1992.

BY ADVICE LETTER NO. 267-A SUPPLEMENT, FILED NOVEMBER 13, 1992.

BACKGROUND

SGWVC 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 \$0.32 per customer to recover the Department of Health Services (DHS) fee for fiscal year July 1, 1991 through June 30, 1992. SGWVC presently serves 44,851 metered rate customers near portions of Arcadia, Baldwin Park, El Monte, City of Industry, Irwindale, La Puente, Montebello, Monterey Park, Pico Rivera, Rosemead, San Gabriel, Santa Fe Springs, South El Monte, West Covina, Whittier, and vicinity, Los Angeles County.

The present rates became effective on January 1, 1992, pursuant to Decision No. 89-09-048, which authorized a \$744,500 or 4.21% increase for 1992.

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

The Water Utilities Branch (Branch) recommends that SGWVC be authorized to assess a one-time surcharge of \$0.32 to each metered customer to recover the \$14,350 balance in the memorandum account accruing the billed DHS fee. Revenue received from such surcharge should be limited to the initial amount billed to SGWVC by DHS. The Branch further recommends that SGWVC be

authorized to hold open such memorandum account until SGWVC next general rate proceeding.

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

PROTESTS

SGWVC published a notice of this increase request in a local paper on September 16, 1992. No protests have been received.

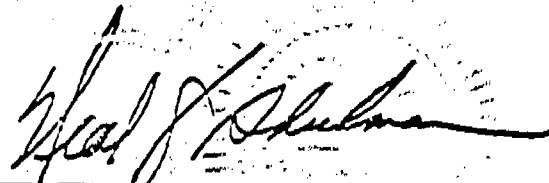
FINDINGS

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 \$0.32 is just and reasonable.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. San Gabriel Valley Water Company is authorized, five days after the effective date herein, to make effective revised Schedule No. IA-1 (continued), General Metered Service, attached to this resolution as Appendix A, and to cancel the presently effective Schedule No. IA-1 (continued).
2. The memorandum account as authorized above may remain open until San Gabriel Valley 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 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

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY WATER COMPANY

Schedule No. LA-1
(continued)

GENERAL METERED SERVICE

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. A surcharge of \$0.020 per Ccf is to be added to the quantity rates for a 36-month period after October 12, 1990, to amortize a portion of the undercollection in the purchased water balancing account.
2. A surcharge of \$0.097 per Ccf is to be added to the quantity rates for a 24-month period from the effective date of this tariff schedule to amortize an undercollection in the purchased water balancing account due to Chino Basin Watermaster's assessment for water production during 1989-1990 and 1990-1991.
3. A surcharge of \$0.015 per Ccf is to be added to the quantity rates for a 12-month period from the effective date of Advice Letter No. 265 to amortize the Drought Memorandum Account.
4. As authorized by the California Public Utilities Commission, all bills are subject to a one-time surcharge of \$0.32. This charge offsets the Department of Health Services fee as billed to San Gabriel Valley Water Company for fiscal year July 1, 1991 to June 30, 1992.
5. All bills are subject to the reimbursement fee set forth in Schedule No. AA-UF.

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