

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COMMISSION ADVISORY & COMPLIANCE DIVISION
Water Utilities BranchRESOLUTION NO. W-3722
December 16, 1992

RESOLUTION

(RES. W-3722), AGATE BAY WATER COMPANY (ABWC). ORDER AUTHORIZING A ONE-TIME SURCHARGE PRODUCING ADDITIONAL ANNUAL REVENUE OF \$2,200 OR 2.2% FOR 1992.

BY ADVICE LETTER NO. 17, FILED ON OCTOBER 29, 1992.

SUMMARY

This resolution authorizes ABWC to bill a one-time surcharge to recover a total amount of \$2,200, or 2.2%, for the Department of Health Services (DHS) fee as mandated by recently enacted Sections 4020 and 4020.5 of the Health and Safety Code. The increase will not result in a rate of return greater than last authorized for ABWC.

BACKGROUND

ABWC requested authority under Section VI of General Order 96-A and Section 454 of the Public Utilities Code to impose a one-time surcharge of \$4.04 per customer to recover the DHS fee billed on August 7, 1992, for \$2,200 for fiscal year July 1, 1991 to June 30, 1992. ABWC presently serves 544 metered and flat rate customers in Agate Bay and vicinity, on the northwest shore of Lake Tahoe, Placer County.

The present rates became effective September 21, 1992, pursuant to Resolution W-3677, which authorized a \$14,196, or 16.8%, increase.

NOTICE AND PROTESTS

ABWC published a notice of this increase in the Tahoe World newspaper on October 1, 1992. No protests 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 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.

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The surcharge requested herein would allow ABWC to recover a memorandum account balance of \$2,200 for fiscal year July 1, 1991 - June 30, 1992. The Water Utilities Branch (Branch) recommends that ABWC be authorized to assess a one-time surcharge of \$4.04 per customer to recover the \$2,200 balance, which will be booked in a memorandum account. Revenues received from such surcharge should be limited to the initial amount billed to ABWC by DHS.

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

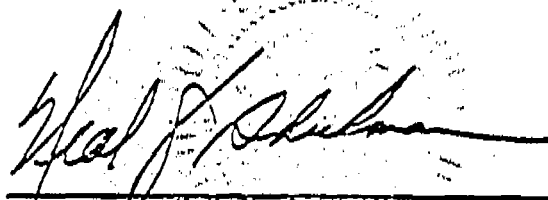
FINDINGS

THE COMMISSION FINDS, after investigation by the Branch, that recovery of a memorandum account balance authorized herein is justified, and the resulting one-time surcharge of \$4.04 per customer is just and reasonable.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Agate Bay Water Company is authorized, five days after the effective date herein, to make effective revised (1) Schedule No. 1, Metered Service, (2) Schedule No. 2A, Annual Flat Rate Service (continued), and (3) Schedule No. 2AL, Limited Annual Flat Rate Service, attached to Advice Letter No. 17, and to cancel the presently effective rate schedules.
2. The memorandum account as authorized above may remain open until Agate Bay 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 16, 1992. The following Commissioners approved it:


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