

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COMMISSION ADVISORY & COMPLIANCE DIVISION
Water Utilities BranchRESOLUTION NO. W-3725
December 16, 1992

RESOLUTION

(RES. W-3725), LITTLE BEAR WATER COMPANY (LBWC). ORDER AUTHORIZING A ONE-TIME SURCHARGE PRODUCING ADDITIONAL ANNUAL REVENUE OF \$2,750 FOR 1992.

BY ADVICE LETTER NO. 21, FILED ON NOVEMBER 12, 1992.

SUMMARY

This resolution authorized LBWC to bill a one-time surcharge to recover a total amount of \$2,750 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 LBWC.

BACKGROUND

LBWC 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 \$4.62 per customer to recover the DHS fee billed on August 7, 1992, for \$2,750 for fiscal year July 1, 1991 to June 30, 1992. LBWC presently serves 596 metered rate customers in portions of Pine Canyon and vicinity, located 3 miles southwest of King City, Monterey County.

The present rates became effective June 13, 1987, pursuant to Decision No. 87-04-013, which authorized a surcharge for the repayment of a California Safe Drinking Water Bond Act loan.

NOTICE AND PROTESTS

LBWC published a notice of this increase in The King City Rustler newspaper on October 28, 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 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.

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The surcharge requested herein would allow LBWC to recover a memorandum account balance of \$2,750 for fiscal year July 1, 1991 - June 30, 1992. The Branch recommends that LBWC be authorized to assess a one-time surcharge of \$4.62 per customer to recover the \$2,750 balance, which will be booked in a memorandum account. Revenues received from such surcharge should be limited to the initial amount billed to LBWC by DHS.

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

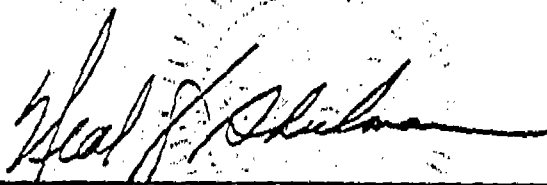
FINDINGS

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 \$4.62 per customer is just and reasonable.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Little Bear Water Company is authorized, five days after the effective date herein, to make effective revised Schedules No. 1-LB, Metered Service, Little Bear District (cont.), Schedule No. 1-PC, Metered Service, Pine Canyon District (cont.), and Schedule No. 1-SV, Metered Service, Sierra Vista District (cont.) attached to Advice Letter No. 21, and to cancel the presently effective rate schedules.
2. The memorandum account as authorized above may remain open until Little Bear 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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