

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COMMISSION ADVISORY & COMPLIANCE DIVISION  
Water Utilities BranchRESOLUTION NO. W-3730  
December 16, 1992

## RESOLUTION

(RES. W-3730), CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE COMPANY (CWS).  
ORDER AUTHORIZING THE RECOVERY OF \$188,100 FOR DEPARTMENT OF  
HEALTH SERVICES FEES IMPOSED ON CWS'S 21 OPERATING DISTRICTS.

BACKGROUND

By Advice Letter 1258, filed November 6, 1992, CWS requested authority under Section VI of General Order 96-A and Section 454 of the Public Utilities Code to impose a one-time surcharge to each customer's bill to recover the Department of Health Services (DHS) fees for the fiscal year July 1, 1991 through June 30, 1992. The surcharges are shown by districts in the following tabulation:

<u>District</u>	<u>Surcharge</u>
Bakersfield	\$ 0.27
Bear Gulch	0.52
Chico	0.65
Dixon	1.26
East Los Angeles	0.45
Hermosa-Redondo	0.31
King City	2.97
Livermore	0.58
Los Altos-Suburban	0.50
Marysville	1.46
Oroville	2.24
Palos Verdes	0.33
Salinas	1.19
San Carlos	0.55
San Mateo	0.31
Selma	1.39
South San Francisco	0.52
Stockton	0.28
Visalia	0.60
Westlake	0.67
Willows	1.51

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 surcharges requested herein would allow CWS to recover the memorandum accounts balances established on the basis of receipts of the DHS bills for fiscal year July 1, 1991 through June 30, 1992 for its 21 districts. The DHS fees would be paid from the funds collected from the individual district's customers as provided in W-3641.

The Water Utilities Branch (Branch) recommends that CWS be authorized to assess a one-time surcharge as indicated above in its districts for the recovery of the listed memorandum accounts accruing billed DHS fees. Revenue received from such surcharges should be limited to the amounts billed to districts by DHS. The Branch further recommends that CWS be authorized to hold open such memorandum accounts until its next general rate proceeding.

Service is satisfactory in the 21 districts. There are no Commission orders requiring system improvement, nor are there service problems requiring corrective action in any of the districts.

#### PROTESTS

Notices of the increase request for the 21 districts were published in the local newspapers as required by General Order 96-A during the month of November, 1992.

No protests have been received by the Branch.

#### FINDINGS

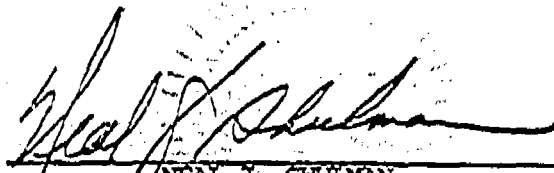
THE COMMISSION FINDS, after investigation by the Branch, that recovery of the memorandum account balances authorized herein is justified, and the resulting charges of each of the districts are just and reasonable.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. California Water Service Company is authorized, five days after the effective date herein, to make effective Schedule No. DHS-1, Department of Health Services Office of Drinking Water Fees Surcharge, attached to Advice Letter No. 1258.
2. The memorandum accounts as authorized above may remain open until CWS'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:

DANIEL Wm. FESSLER  
President  
JOHN B. OHANIAN  
PATRICIA M. ECKERT  
NORMAN D. SHUMWAY  
Commissioners

  
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Executive Director