

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COMMISSION ADVISORY & COMPLIANCE DIVISION  
Water Utilities BranchRESOLUTION NO. W-3732  
December 16, 1992

## RESOLUTION

(RES. W-3732), LAKE ALPINE WATER COMPANY (LAWC). ORDER  
AUTHORIZING A ONE-TIME SURCHARGE PRODUCING ADDITIONAL ANNUAL  
REVENUE OF \$3,300 OR 3.1% FOR FISCAL YEAR 1991-1992.

BY ADVICE LETTER NO. 34, FILED NOVEMBER 16, 1992.

BACKGROUND

LAWC 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 \$7.82 per customer to recover the Department of Health Services (DHS) fee for fiscal year July 1, 1991 through June 30, 1992. LAWC presently serves 422 customers located three miles west of Lake Alpine, adjacent to Highway 4, Alpine County.

The present rates became effective on November 21, 1988, pursuant to Resolution No. W-3414, which authorized a \$29,505 or 38.7% increase for 1988.

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

The Water Utilities Branch (Branch) recommends that LAWC be authorized to assess a one-time surcharge of \$7.82 to each metered customer to recover the \$3,300 balance in the memorandum account accruing the billed DHS fee. Revenue received from such surcharge should be limited to the initial amount billed to LAWC by DHS. The Branch further recommends that LAWC be authorized to hold open such memorandum account until LAWC next general rate proceeding.

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

**PROTESTS**

LAWC published a notice of this increase request in a local paper on November 12, 1992. No protests have been received.

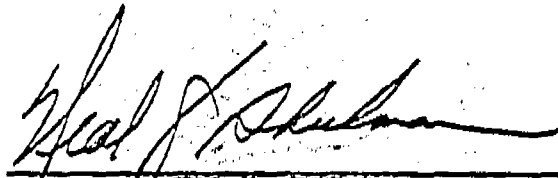
**FINDINGS**

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 \$7.82 is just and reasonable.

**IT IS ORDERED that:**

1. Lake Alpine Water Company is authorized, five days after the effective date herein, to make effective revised Schedules Nos. 1A (continued), Annual Metered Service, and 2AR (continued), Annual Residential Flat Rate Service attached to this resolution as Appendix A, and to cancel the presently effective Schedules Nos. 1A (continued), and 2AR (continued).
2. The memorandum account as authorized above may remain open until Lake Alpine Water Company 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:

  
NEAL J. SHULMAN  
Executive Director

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

APPENDIX A

LAKE ALPINE WATER COMPANY

Schedule No. 1A  
(continued)

ANNUAL METERED SERVICE

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

2. The opening bill for metered service, except upon conversion from flat rate service, shall be the established annual service 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 the customer.
3. As authorized by the California Public Utilities Commission, all bills are subject to a one-time surcharge of \$7.82. This charge offsets the Department of Health Services fee as billed to Lake Alpine Water Company for fiscal year July 1, 1991 to June 30, 1992.
4. All bills are subject to the reimbursement fee set forth in Schedule No. UF.

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APPENDIX A

LAKE ALPINE WATER COMPANY

Schedule No. 2AR  
(continued)

ANNUAL RESIDENTIAL FLAT RATE SERVICE

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

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 in advance 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 metered service, except upon conversion from 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 the customer.
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