

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COMMISSION ADVISORY & COMPLIANCE DIVISION
Water Utilities Branch

RESOLUTION NO. W-3928
July 19, 1995

R E S O L U T I O N

(RES. W-3928), ALISAL WATER CORPORATION DBA ALCO WATER SERVICE (AWS). ORDER AUTHORIZING AN OFFSET RATE INCREASE PRODUCING ADDITIONAL ANNUAL REVENUE OF \$15,000 OR 0.71% IN 1995.

BY ADVICE LETTER NO. 64 FILED ON MARCH 13, 1995.

SUMMARY

This resolution authorizes AWS to increase rates by \$15,000 or 0.71% to offset an increase in the business license tax for the City of Salinas. The increase will not result in a rate of return greater than last authorized for AWS.

BACKGROUND

AWS requests authority under Section VI of General Order (G.O.) 96-A and Section 454 of the Public Utilities Code to increase rates to offset a \$15,000 increase in the business license tax of the City of Salinas. AWS presently serves 5,275 metered customers in the City of Salinas and vicinity in Monterey County.

The present rates became effective on February 13, 1995, pursuant to Commission Resolution W-3908 which authorized a general rate increase.

DISCUSSION

The City of Salinas by ordinance increased the business license tax from 3.0% of gross revenue to 3.75% of gross revenue. The effect is to increase the business tax by \$15,000 per year.

Service is satisfactory. The processing of this advice letter offset increase was delayed until AWS filed required tariff rule updates as ordered by the Commission. These were filed on June 8, 1995. There are currently no Commission orders requiring system improvements, nor are there significant service problems requiring corrective action.

AWS proposed to increase the commodity rate by \$0.01 per Ccf (100 cubic feet). At the proposed rates, the typical residential will increase by \$0.14 from \$19.34 to \$19.48 for the usage of 1,400 cubic feet.

NOTICE AND PROTESTS

AWS has given public notice of the request for offset increase by publishing in a local newspaper on March 7, 1995. No customer correspondence or protests have been received.

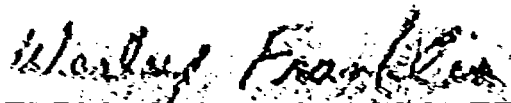
FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The rate increase proposed by AWS in Advice Letter No. 64 is reasonable and should be adopted.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Alisal Water Corporation is authorized, five days after the effective date herein, to make effective revised Schedule No. 1, General Metered Service, attached to Advice Letter No. 64, and to cancel the presently effective rate Schedule No. 1.
2. Alco Water Service is directed to maintain its balancing account as required by Public Utilities Code Section 792.5
3. This resolution is effective today.

I certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission at its regular meeting on July 19, 1995. The following Commissioners approved it:



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