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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**WATER DIVISION
Water Advisory Branch**

**RESOLUTION NO. W-4130
January 20, 1999**

RESOLUTION

**(RES. W-4130), SLIDE INN/SNOBOWL WATER COMPANY
(SIWC). ORDER AUTHORIZING AN OFFSET RATE
INCREASE PRODUCING AN ADDITIONAL ANNUAL
REVENUE OF \$3,202 OR 5.72%.**

SUMMARY

By Advice Letter No. 8-W, filed November 16, 1998, SIWC requests to increase rates by \$3,202 or 5.72%. The increase is necessary for (1) recovery of costs in capital investment in water utility plant, and (2) a 1.7% consumer price index (CPI) increase. The new facility was authorized in SIWC's latest general rate case per Res. W-4086, dated January 7, 1998, and the CPI increase was authorized in Commission's Decision (D.) 92-03-093, dated March 31, 1992. The increase will not result in a rate of return greater than last authorized for SIWC.

BACKGROUND

SIWC requests authority under Section VI of General Order 96-A and Section 454 of the Public Utilities Code to increase rates in order to offset \$10,728 for capital improvements and to increase rates by the most recent year-end increase in the CPI (1.7%) as authorized in Commission D.92-03-093. SIWC presently serves approximately 127 customers near Long Barn and vicinity, 20 miles easterly of Sonora in Tuolumne County.

The present rates became effective January 12, 1998, pursuant to Res. W-4086, which authorized a general rate increase of \$27,642 or 97.4%.

DISCUSSION

SIWC requests permission to increase rates by \$3,202 or 5.72%. This increase of projected revenues will not result in a rate of return greater than last authorized for SIWC.

The Water Advisory Branch (Branch) has verified the installation of the facilities and has also reviewed SIWC's records and finds the cost of \$10,728 associated with the plant installation to be reasonable. The Branch has also reviewed and concurs with SIWC's CPI increase request of \$990. In view of this, the Branch recommends that SIWC be authorized to increase its rates by \$3,202 or 5.72% to recover the costs associated with plant improvements and CPI increase as described above. The annual bill for a typical 3/4-inch customer using 8,400 cubic feet of water will increase from \$435.01 to \$459.80 or 5.7%. An Annual Flat Rate Residential Service bill will increase from \$434.75 to \$459.61 or 5.72%.

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

NOTICE AND PROTESTS

SIWC notified its customers of this proposed increase on November 12, 1998. There were no protest letters.

FINDINGS

THE COMMISSION finds, after investigation by the Branch, that:

1. The rate increase proposed by SIWC is just and reasonable to recover the costs associated with capital plant improvements.

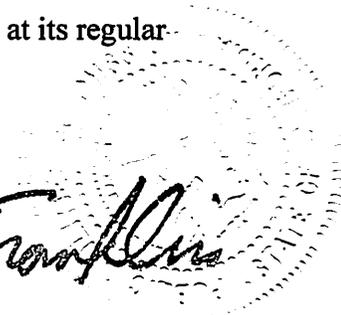
IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Slide Inn/Snobowl Water Company is authorized to incorporate the Summary of Earnings and rate schedules attached to Advice Letter No. 8-W and concurrently cancel its presently effective rate schedules No. 1A, Annual General Metered Service, and No. 2RA, Annual Residential Flat Rate Service. The effective date shall be today.

January 20, 1999

2. This resolution is effective today.

I certify that this resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission at its regular meeting on January 20, 1999. The following Commissioners approved it:



WESLEY M. FRANKLIN
Executive Director

RICHARD A. BILAS
President

HENRY M. DUQUE

JOSIAH L. NEEPER

Commissioners