

RIO PLAZA WATER COMPANY, INC.

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March 20, 2019

Advice Letter No. 75-W

TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Rio Plaza Water Company, Inc. (Rio Plaza) hereby transmits for filing an original copy of this Advice Letter 75-W including necessary work papers and the following tariff sheets which are enclosed:

<u>NEW SHEET #</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>CANCELLING SHEET #</u>
421-W	Schedule No. 1	411-W
422-W	Schedule No. 4	412-W
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REQUEST

By AL 75-W, Rio Plaza requests permission to recover \$17,996.60 or 4.48% that has accumulated in the companies Groundwater Management Memorandum Account as of December 31, 2018. This Memorandum Account is reflected on Page 311-W in the companies Preliminary Statement. Commission authorization was granted under Decision No 94-06-033 dated June 22, 1994.

Rio Plaza requests permission to increase its revenues over a period of twelve (12) months to recover \$17,996.60 at a rate of \$2.88 per customer for a period of 12 months. This projected revenue increase of \$17,996.60 will not result in a Rate of Margin which exceeds the authorized amount of 16.47%. Workpapers justifying this increase are enclosed. In addition, the 90-day Commercial Paper Interest Rate shall be applied to the uncollected balance and collected from the customers at the end of the 12-month recovery period.

BACKGROUND

The last general rate increase became effective on January 1, 2018, pursuant to Resolution W-5154, which authorized a general rate increase of \$69,684, or 21%, and a rate of margin of 16.47%.

AL 75-W is filed pursuant to the above-mentioned Decision No 94-06-033 dated June 22, 1994 and Standard Practice U-27. The increase is to be passed on to the utility's customers as a monthly surcharge for a period of 12 months.

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TIER DESIGNATION AND REQUESTED EFFECTIVE DATE

This AL and the enclosed tariff sheets are submitted pursuant to General Order (GO.) 96-B. AL 75-W is designated as a Tier 3 AL filing with a requested effective date as soon as practical.¹

NOTICE

Customer notice will be provided by legal notice in the local newspaper or mailed to individual customers in accordance with Standard Practice U-27 par 17, page 5 as percent increase is less than 10%. A copy of this AL has been served to all parties listed on the service list² on the last page of this AL. This filing will not cause withdrawal of service nor conflict with any other schedule or rule.

RESPONSE OR PROTEST³

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or
5. The relief requested in the AL requires consideration in a formal hearing, or is otherwise inappropriate for the AL process; or
6. The relief requested in the AL is unjust, unreasonable, or discriminatory, provided that such a protest may not be made where it would require re-litigating a prior order of the Commission.

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¹ GO. 96-B, Water Industry Rule 7.3.3 (7)

² GO. 96-B, Water Industry Rule 4.1

³ GO. 96-B, General Rule 7.4.1

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Santa Paula, CA 93060

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REPLIES

The utility shall reply to each protest and may reply to any response. Any reply must be received by DWA within five business days after the end of the protest period, and shall be served on the same day on each person who filed the protest or response to the AL.⁴

⁴ GO. 96-B, General Rule 7.4.3

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SERVICE LIST

- Recipient 1 County of Ventura
Attn: Michaela Brown
6767 Spring Road
Moorpark, CA 93021
michaela.brown@ventura.org
- Recipient 2 Rio Plaza Water Company, Inc.
Attn: John Chris Nickel
8698 Roseland Ave RR#1
Moorpark, CA 93021
- Recipient 3 Mutual Water Company of Vineyard Avenue Estates
Attn: Rhonda Roach
PO Box 5065
Oxnard, CA 93031
mwcvae110@yahoo.com
- Recipient 4 California American Water
Attn: Thomas Brunet
Thomas.Brunet@amwater.com

I hereby certify that the above service list has been served a copy of AL 75-W on March 20, 2019.

Executed in Santa Paula, California on the March 20, 2019.

Rio Plaza Water Company, Inc.

By: /s/Frank Brommenschenkel

John Chris Nickel

President

Enclosures

Schedule No. 1
GENERAL METERED SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all metered water service.

TERRITORY

Rio Plaza Subdivision and vicinity located northeast of El Rio section of the City of Oxnard, Ventura County.

RATES

Quantity Rates per 100 cubic feet (Ccf):

Table with 2 columns: Description of water usage and Rate. Includes categories for water used less than 6 Ccf, between 6 and 12 Ccf, and more than 12 Ccf.

Service Charge:

Per Meter Per Month

Table with 3 columns: Meter size, Description, and Service Charge. Lists charges for 3/4-inch, 1-inch, 1-1/2-inch, 2-inch, 3-inch, and 4-inch meters.

The service charge is a readiness-to-serve charge, which is applicable to all metered service and to which is added the charge for water used computed at the Quantity Rates.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

- 1. A late charge will be imposed per Schedule No. L. C.
2. In accordance with Section 2714 of the Public Utilities Code, if a tenant in a rental unit leaves owing the company, service to subsequent tenants in that unit will, at the company's option, be furnished on the account of the landlord or property owner.
3. As authorized by the California Public Utilities Commission all bills are subject to an 12-month surcharge of \$2.77 per month offsetting Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency pumping fee for exceeding the groundwater allocation for 2017 a total of \$17,313.
4. All bills are subject to the reimbursement fee set forth in Schedule No. UF.
5. As authorized by the California Public Utilities Commission all bills are subject to an 12-month surcharge of \$2.88 per month offsetting Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency pumping fee for exceeding the groundwater allocation for 2018 a total of \$17,996.60.

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Schedule No. 4

PRIVATE FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to water service furnished to private fire systems and to private fire hydrants.

TERRITORY

Rio Plaza Subdivision and vicinity located Northeast of El Rio section of the City of Oxnard, Ventura County.

RATE

Per Service
Per Month

For each inch of diameter of service connection..... \$15.06

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. The customer will pay, without refund, the entire cost of the private fire service facilities.
2. The private fire service facilities shall be installed by the utility or under the utility's direction and shall be the sole property of the applicant but subject to the control of the utility, with the right to alter, repair, replace and the right to remove upon discontinuance of service.
3. The minimum diameter for the private fire service connection will be 4 inches. The maximum diameter shall not be larger than the diameter of the water main to which the private fire service facilities are connected.
4. If a water main of adequate size is not available adjacent to the premises to be served, then a new main from the nearest existing main of adequate size will be installed by the utility at the cost of the customer. Such cost shall not be subject to refund.
5. The private fire service facilities will include a detector check valve or other similar device acceptable to the utility, which will indicate the use of water. The facilities may be located within the customer's premises or within public right-of-way adjacent thereto. Where located within the premises, the utility and its duly authorized agents shall have the right of ingress to and egress from the premises for all purposes related to said facilities. In the event the installation is solely a private fire hydrant facility, the equipment for a detector check valve or other similar device may be waived.
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NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF PROPOSED RATE INCREASE

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By Advice Letter (AL) No. 75, filed on March 19, 2019, **Rio Plaza Water Company** (Rio Plaza) has requested authority from the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) to increase rates by \$17,997 or 4.48%, to recover groundwater extraction fees charged by Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency (FCGMA) for exceeding its 2018 groundwater allocation amount by 12.318 Acre-Feet (AF). Rio Plaza was charged \$1,461 per AF for each AF over its 2018 allocation amount which resulted in additional expense of \$17,997. Rio Plaza recorded this additional expense in its Groundwater Management Memorandum Account and is now seeking cost recovery by imposing a \$2.88 monthly surcharge over a period of 12 months on all customers. The requested rate increase will not result in a rate of return higher than what the Commission has authorized for Rio Plaza.

Rio Plaza's present rates were authorized by Commission Resolution W-5154 and have been in effect since January 1, 2018. A \$2.77 per month for 12 months surcharge for 2017 FCGMA over production was approved in September 2018.

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