

**CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
DIVISION OF WATER AND AUDITS**

Advice Letter Cover Sheet

Utility Name: Searles Domestic Water Company
District: N/A
CPUC Utility #: WTC-368
Advice Letter #: 63-W
Tier: ☒ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ Compliance
Authorization: Resolution M-4839 1-10-2019
Description: New Tariff Page of Schedule UF, Surcharge to Fund PUC Reimbursement Fee

Date Mailed to Service List: Mar. 15, 2019
Protest Deadline (20th Day): Apr. 4, 2019
Review Deadline (30th Day): Apr. 14, 2019
Requested Effective Date: Apr. 1, 2019
Rate Impact: N/A

The protest or response deadline for this advice letter is 20 days from the date that this advice letter was mailed to the service list. Please see the "Response or Protest" section in the advice letter for more information.

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DWA USE ONLY

DATE

STAFF

COMMENTS

[] APPROVED

[] WITHDRAWN

[] REJECTED

Signature: _____

Comments: _____

Date: _____

SEARLES DOMESTIC WATER COMPANY

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March 15, 2019

Advice Letter No. 63-W

TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Searles Domestic Water Company (Searles) hereby transmits for filing one original and one copy of this advice letter 63-W and the following tariff sheets which are enclosed:

<u>NEW SHEET #</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>CANCELLING SHEET #</u>
416-W	Schedule No. UF	405-W
417-W	Table of Contents	415-W

REQUEST

To adopt the surcharge rate to fund the Public Utilities Commission Reimbursement Fee pursuant to Resolution (Res.) M-4839 dated January 10, 2019.

BACKGROUND

By Res. M-4839, the Commission authorized the Public Utilities Commission Utilities Reimbursement Account User Fees that will become effective April 1, 2019.

As indicated in Res. M-4839, the Water and Sewer user fee rate which was previously 1.40% will be 1.23% effective April 1, 2019.

TIER DESIGNATION AND REQUESTED EFFECTIVE DATE

This AL and the enclosed tariff sheets are submitted pursuant to General Order (GO.) 96-B. AL 63-W is designated as a Tier 1 AL and the enclosed tariff sheets will become effective upon filing.¹

¹ GO. 96-B, Water Industry Rule 7.3.1

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NOTICE

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

Anyone may respond to or protest this AL. A response supports the filing and may contain information that proves useful to the Commission in evaluating the AL. A protest objects to the AL in whole or in part and must set forth the specific grounds on which it is based. These grounds are:

1. The utility did not properly serve or give notice of the AL;
2. The relief requested in the AL would violate statute or Commission order, or is not authorized by statute or Commission order on which the utility relies;
3. The analysis, calculations, or data in the AL contain material error or omissions;
4. The relief requested in the AL is pending before the Commission in a formal proceeding;
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 relitigating a prior order of the Commission.

A protest may not rely on policy objections to an AL where the relief requested in the AL follows rules or directions established by statute or Commission order applicable to the utility.

² GO. 96-B, Water Industry Rule 4.1

³ GO. 96-B, General Rule 7.4.1

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A protest shall provide citations or proofs where available to allow staff to properly consider the protest. DWA must receive a response or protest via email (or postal mail) within 20 days of the date the AL is filed. The addresses for submitting a response or protest are:

Email Address:

Water.Division@cpuc.ca.gov

Mailing Address:

California Public Utilities Commission
Water Division, 3rd Floor
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

On the same day the response or protest is submitted to Water Division (WD), the respondent or protestant shall send a copy of the protest to Audrey Schuyler at: Searles Domestic Water Company

Email Address:

schuylea@svminerals.com

Mailing Address:

Searles Domestic Water Company
P.O. Box 577
Trona, CA 93592

Cities and counties that need Board of Supervisors or Board of Commissioners approval to protest should inform WD, within the 20-day protest period, so that a late filed protest can be entertained. The informing document should include an estimate of the date the proposed protest might be voted on.

REPLIES

The utility shall reply to each protest and may reply to any response. Any reply must be received by WD 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

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P.O. Box 1329
Ridgecrest, CA 93555
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San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors
385 N. Arrowhead Avenue, 5th Floor
San Bernardino, CA 92415-0110

I hereby certify that the above service list has been served a copy of AL 63-W on March 15, 2019.

Executed in Santa Paula, California on the March 15, 2019.

Searles Domestic Water Company

By: /s/Frank Brommenschenkel
Audrey Schuyler
Manager

Enclosures

Schedule No. UF

SURCHARGE TO FUND
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
REIMBURSEMENT FEE

APPLICABILITY

This surcharge applies to all water bills rendered under all tariff rate schedules authorized by the Commission, with the exception of resale rate schedules where the customer is a public utility.

TERRITORY

This schedule is applicable within the entire territory served by the utility.

RATES

A surcharge of 0.012300 (1.23%) shall be added to all customer bills. (D)

In 1982, the Legislature established the Public Utilities Commission Reimbursement Fee to be paid by utilities to fund their regulation by the Commission (Public Utilities (PU) Code Section 401-443). The surcharge to recover the cost of that fee is ordered by the Commission under authority granted by PU Code Section 433.

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(To be inserted by utility)
Advice Letter No. 63-W

Decision No. _____

Issued by
Avinash Puri
NAME
President
TITLE

(To be inserted by Cal. P.U.C.)
Date Filed _____
Effective _____
Resolution I M-4839

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