

WEIMAR WATER COMPANY, INC.

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November 8, 2019

Advice Letter No. 66-W

TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Weimar Water Company, Inc. (Weimar) hereby transmits for filing one original and one copy of this advice letter 66-W including necessary work papers and the following tariff sheets which are enclosed:

<u>NEW SHEET #</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>CANCELLING SHEET #</u>
367-W	Schedule No. LC - Late Payment Charge	281-W
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REQUEST

Increase the late fee amount on Schedule No. LC – Late Payment Charge from \$5 to \$25. This filing is made in accordance with Water Industry Rule 7.3.2 (7) as provided in Industry Rule 8.6 for similar treatment.

BACKGROUND

The last general rate increase step became effective on January 1, 2019, being the last of the step increases granted pursuant to Resolution W-5144, which authorized a step increase of \$9,952.00 or 1.24% and a rate of return of 10.49%.

Standard Practice U-28 addresses Late Charges and other fees that can be applied for non-compliance with payment obligation providing background for this filing.

Weimar is a metered system with customers who habitually go through all notices and just before being locked off they will then make payment. The current \$5.00 late fee is way to small to get their attention justifying going to the \$25.00. Having higher late fees should serve as a deterrent and reduce the number of customers who pay late thereby reducing the amount of office and field labor follow up and improve cash flow. The current Late Charge has been in effect since June 29, 1997 with no increases since that time.

TIER DESIGNATION AND REQUESTED EFFECTIVE DATE

This AL and the enclosed tariff sheets are submitted pursuant to General Order (GO.) 96-B. AL 66-W is designated as a Tier 2 AL filing with a requested effective date as soon as practical.¹

¹ GO. 96-B, Water Industry Rule 7.3.2 (7)

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NOTICE

Customer notice will be provided by mailing the attached to each customer. A copy of this AL has been served to all parties listed on the service list² located 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 re-litigating 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.

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:

² GO. 96-B, Water Industry Rule 4.1

³ GO. 96-B, General Rule 7.4.1

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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 Gerry LaBudde at: Weimar Water Company, Inc.

Email Address:

glabudde@hydros-engineering.com

Mailing Address:

Weimar Water Company, Inc.
PO Box 598
Weimar, CA 95736

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

- Recipient 1 Placer County Water Agency
P.O. Box 6570
144 Ferguson Road
Auburn, CA 95604
BSmith@pcwa.net
- Recipient 2 Placer County Planning Department
3091 County Center Drive #140
Auburn, CA 95603
planning@placer.ca.gov 530-745-3000
- Recipient 3 Midway Heights County Water District
Attn. Jason Tiffany
PO Box 596,
Meadow Vista, CA 95722
admin@mhcwd.org
- Recipient 4 Department of Public Health
Attn. Steve Watson
415 Knollcrest Dr. Ste 110
Redding, CA 96002
530-224-4800 steve.watson@waterboards.ca.gov

I hereby certify that the above service list has been served a copy of AL 66-W on November 8, 2019.

Executed in Santa Paula, California on the November 8, 2019.

Weimar Water Company, Inc.

By: /s/Frank Brommenschenkel
Gerry LaBudde
President

Enclosures

NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS

~~Weimar~~ **Water Company, Inc. (Weimar)** has requested authority from the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California to Increase its late fees to \$25.00. This request will not result in a rate of return in excess of that last found reasonable by the Commission.

Weimar proposes to increase rates as follows: Schedule No. LC Late Payment Charge

The proposed rates are as follows: Late Charge increasing from \$5.00 to \$25.00 on unpaid balance subject to special conditions below. Special Conditions:

1. The balance is unpaid and subject to a late charge if the bill is past due, or delinquent, as defined in Rule No. 11, Section B.1.a.
2. The late charge should be imposed only once on a delinquent bill since the account would be shut-off before a subsequent bill and then subject to the reconnection fee as authorized by Tariff Rule No. 11.
3. All bills shall be subject to reimbursement fee as set forth by schedule **No. UF**.

There are two ways you can respond to this notice. You can send a protest to the CPUC, and if you do, you must send a copy to the Utility

A protest is a document objecting in whole or in part to the authority sought in the advice letter. A response is a document that does not object to the authority, but nevertheless presents information that the party tending the response believes would be useful to the Commission in acting on the request.

A protest must be filed within 20 days of the date the CPUC accepted the advice letter and puts it on the Commission Calendar. The calendar is available at the Commission's website of www.cpuc.ca.gov. A protest must state the facts on which the protest is based, and the effect the approval of the advice letter might have on the protestant, and the reason the protestant believes the advice letter, or part of it, is not justified. If the protest requires an evidentiary hearing, the protest must state the facts that the protest would provide at an evidentiary hearing to support its request in whole or in partial denial of the advice letter. The Utility must respond to the protestant within five days.

All protests should be sent to: California Public Utilities Commission Water Division at 505 Van Ness Avenue San Francisco, Ca. 94102, E-mail: water_division@cpuc.ca.gov, Fax: (415) 703-2655

All protests should be sent to the Utility at: Weimar Water Company, Inc. PO Box 598, Weimar, CA 95736. If you have not received a reply to your protest within ten business days, contact the Utility at: (530) 906-5181, or glabudde@hydros-engineering.com.

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Schedule No. LC
LATE PAYMENT CHARGE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all metered and flat rate water service. (T)

TERRITORY

Entire service area of the Weimar Water Co.

RATES

Late Charge: A late charge of \$25.00 on unpaid balance subject to special conditions below. (I)

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