

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

Advice Letter Cover Sheet

Utility Name: CA Utilities (SWR) **Date Mailed to Service List:** 01/09/19
District: n/a
CPUC Utility #: SWR 418 **Protest Deadline (20th Day):** 01/29/19
Advice Letter #: 68 **Review Deadline (30th Day):** 02/11/19
Tier 1 2 3 Compliance **Requested Effective Date:** 01/25/19
Authorization Resolution W-4837 **Rate Impact:** \$19,595.63
Description: Authorization to collect State Water 1.12%
Resource Control Board and Monterey Bay
Unified Air Pollution Control Board fees of
\$19,595.63 for 2018, not included in rates.

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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Signature: _____

Comments: _____

Date: _____

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ADVICE LETTER NO. 68

CALIFORNIA UTILITIES SERVICE, INC (U 418-S)

TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

California Utilities Service, Inc. (CUS) hereby transmits for filing four copies each of the following tariff schedules, which are attached hereto:

| <u>CPUC SHEET NO.</u> | <u>TITLE OF SHEET</u> | <u>CANCELING CPUC SHEET NO.</u> |
|-----------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| 348-SS | Schedule No. 1, General Flat Rate Service | 332-SS |
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The present rates of California Utilities Service, Inc. (CUS) became effective on April 24, 2017, pursuant to Advice Letter No. 61, which adopted a CPI offset of \$35,585 or 2.1% annually, due to the 2016 CPI-U of 2.1%. The last general rate increase became effective on August 18, 2010 pursuant to Resolution No.W-4837, which authorized a general rate increase of \$723,777 or 88.4%, and a return based on a rate of margin of 21.7%.

Through this advice letter, CUS requests approval of a surcharge of \$5.73 per Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU) per month for a period of 3 months to recover its required regulatory permit fees paid to the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) and the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District (MBUAPCD) for invoices dated January 2018 through December 2018. This increase of these paid expenses will not result in a rate of margin which exceeds the authorized rate of margin of 21.7%. Workpapers justifying this recovery have been provided to the CPUC Water Utilities Branch staff.

In CUS's last GRC, CUS requested balancing account treatment for the payment of required regulatory permit fees to the SWRCB and the MBUAPCD. Resolution W-4837 granted balancing account treatment of these fees, as stated below.

Background

Resolution No. W-4837, dated August 12, 2010, established CUS's balancing account in its Paragraph No. 3, which states:

“California Utilities Service, Inc. is granted balancing account treatment for the payments of required regulatory permit fees to the State Water Resources Control Board and the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District”

By Advice Letter No. 46, CUS updated its tariff sheets to include a balancing account to track payments to the SWRCB and the MBUAPCD.

In compliance with Ordering Paragraph No. 3 of Resolution No. W-4837, CUS respectfully requests authorization to make effective the attached tariff sheets for the collection of its required regulatory permit fees paid to the State Water Resources Control Board and the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District as recorded in CUS's balancing account for invoices dated January 2018 through December 2018 in the amount of \$19,918. However, in the previous year, an over collection on the balancing account of \$322.37 was recorded and CUS is requesting that the over collection be used to reduce this year's collection. Therefore, the amount to be recovered is \$19,595.63, or 1.12%, to be collected through a surcharge of \$5.73 per EDU per month for a period of 3 months. The enclosed Attachment A shows the calculation of the surcharge and percentage increase.

This filing is made under the provisions of General Order No. 96-B, Water Industry Rules 7.3.1(1) and 7.3.1(3). This filing will not cause withdrawal of service nor conflict with any other schedule or rule.

Requested Effective Date

This filing is a Tier 1 Advice Letter and may be effective the day it is filed; CUS respectfully requests that the effective date of this increase be January 25, 2019.

Notice

In compliance with Section 4.3 of General Order No. 96-B, a copy of this advice letter has been mailed to all parties listed on the enclosed service list. In conformance with Resolution W-4664, Ordering Paragraph 3, California Utilities Service, Inc. will provide notice to its customers of the increase in dollar and percentage terms with the first bill that includes the increase.

Protests and Responses:

Anyone may respond to or protest this advice letter. A response supports the filing and may contain information that proves useful to the Commission in evaluating the advice letter. A protest objects to the advice letter 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 advice letter;
- (2) The relief requested in the advice letter 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 advice letter contain material error or omissions;

- (4) The relief requested in the advice letter is pending before the Commission in a formal proceeding; or
- (5) The relief requested in the advice letter requires consideration in a formal hearing, or is otherwise inappropriate for the advice letter process; or
- (6) The relief requested in the advice letter 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 shall provide citations or proofs where available to allow staff to properly consider the protest.

A response or protest must be made in writing or by electronic mail and must be received by the Water Division within 20 days of the date this advice letter is filed. The address for mailing or delivering a protest is:

Tariff Unit, Water Division, 3rd floor
California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102
water_division@cpuc.ca.gov

On the same date the response or protest is submitted to the Water Division, the respondent or protestant shall send a copy of the protest by mail or e-mail to us, addressed to:

California Utilities Service, Inc.
249 Williams Road
Salinas, CA 93905
Fax: (831) 424-0611

Cities and counties that need Board of Supervisors or Board of Commissioners approval to protest should inform the Water Division, 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. Each reply must be received by the Division of Water and Audits within five business days after the end of the protest period, and shall be served on the same day to the person who filed the protest or response.

California Utilities Service, Inc.

By: /s/ Thomas R. Adcock
Thomas R. Adcock
President

Attachment

Schedule No. 1
 (continued)
GENERAL FLAT RATE SERVICE

SPECIAL CONDITIONS (continued):

6. A customer claiming vacancy of their residence for a period of time will be allowed 90 days from the last billing date following the period of claimed vacancy to notify the utility. The period of vacancy must include the entire period(s) covered by the sewer bills for which the customer desires to not be charged.
7. The customer will have 15 additional days, from the date of notification, to provide CUS with a copy of water bill(s) that show zero water usage during the vacancy period. The water bill(s) provided must include the entire period(s) covered by the sewer bill(s) for which the customer desires to not be charged.
8. If zero water usage is demonstrated for the entire period(s) covered by the sewer bill(s) for which the customer desires not to be charged then a vacant residential rate will apply. The vacant residential rate is equivalent to 50% of the utility's current tariff, in effect at the time for the period(s) covered by the sewer bill(s) during the vacancy. Any surcharges or surcredits in effect during the vacant rate billing period will not be discounted or prorated.
9. If there is any water usage during the period(s) covered by the sewer bill(s), the customer is responsible for the full amount of the monthly sewer bill, even if such water usage is claimed to be used for purposes other than residential.
10. If the customer does not have water bills to show zero water usage for the entire period(s) covered by the sewer bill(s) because the customer is not individually meter for water usage, the customer is responsible for the full amount of the sewer bill(s).
11. If CUS is unable to confirm that there was zero water usage during the entire sewer billing period(s) covered by the customer's request, the reversal of sewer charges or the request not be charged for sewer charges due to claimed vacancy request will be denied.
12. The vacant residential rate will be allowed for a maximum of six months per calendar year.
13. The above considerations are for residential customers only and do not apply to other customer category.
14. As authorized by the California Public Utilities Commission per Resolution No. W-4837 Ordering Paragraph No. 3, all bills are subject to a surcharge of \$5.73 per EDU per month for a period of three months, except the Toro Park School surcharge will be \$81.82 per month for three months and the Corral de Tierra County Club surcharge will be \$55.58 per month for three months, to recover the amounts recorded in the Balancing Account for payments to the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) and the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District (MBUAPCD) for invoices dated January 2018 through December 2018. This surcharge will become effective for the billing period on or after January 25, 2019 and will continue for a total of three consecutive billing periods.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true copy via first class United States mail and via E-mail of the following document, California Utilities Service, Inc. Advice Letter No. 68, upon the California Public Utilities Commission as shown on the Service List attached hereto, a copy thereof properly addressed to each party. Additionally, I hereby certify that I have this day served a true copy via United States mail of the following document, California Utilities Service, Inc. Advice Letter No. 68, upon all additional parties as shown on the Service List attached hereto, a copy thereof properly addressed to each party.

Executed in Salinas, California, on the 9th day of January 2019.

/s/ Andrea Schmitz
Andrea Schmitz, Executive Assistant

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