

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

**Advice Letter Cover Sheet**

<b>Utility Name:</b> CA Utilities (SWR)	<b>Date Mailed to Service List:</b> 04/2/19
<b>District:</b> n/a	
<b>CPUC Utility #:</b> SWR 418	<b>Protest Deadline (20<sup>th</sup> Day):</b> 04/22/19
<b>Advice Letter #:</b> 70	<b>Review Deadline (30<sup>th</sup> Day):</b> 05/2/19
<b>Tier</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Compliance	<b>Requested Effective Date:</b> 04/25/19
<b>Authorization</b> Resolution W-4540	
<b>Description:</b> Increase monthly flat rates by 2018 CPI-U of 1.9%.	<b>Rate Impact:</b> \$33,562 1.9%

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


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**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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# CALIFORNIA UTILITIES SERVICE, INC.

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April 2, 2019

ADVICE LETTER NO. 70

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>
352-SS	Schedule No. 1, General Flat Rate Service	334-SS
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The present rates of California Utilities Service, Inc. became effective on April 24, 2018, pursuant to Advice Letter No. 64, which adopted a CPI-U offset of \$36,332. 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%.

These tariffs are submitted pursuant to Ordering Paragraph No. 1 of Decision No. 92-03-093, dated March 31, 1992, Ordering Paragraph No. 2 of Resolution W-4493, dated September 2, 2004, and Ordering Paragraph No. 1 of Resolution W-4540, dated June 16, 2005. This Decision and two Resolutions authorize Class B, Class C and Class D water and sewer utilities to file once each year by Advice Letter for an increase over the prior year's adopted revenue, based on the most recent year end increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The increased cost is to be passed on to the utility's customers in their quantity as well as service charge rates. The above-referenced Decision and Resolutions authorize California Utilities Service, Inc. to file the attached rate schedules and to concurrently withdraw and cancel its present schedules for such service.

California Utilities Service, Inc. requests permission to increase its present monthly flat rates by \$33,562 or 1.9% annually, due to the 2018 CPI-U of 1.9% as authorized by the letter from Rami Kahlon, Director of Water Division, dated January 22, 2019 and titled "Rate Adjustments due to CPI-U Increase for 2018." This increase of projected revenues will not result in a rate of margin which exceeds the authorized rate of margin of 21.7%. Workpapers justifying this increase have been provided to the CPUC Water Utilities Branch staff.

This filing is made under the provisions of General Order No. 96-B.

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, therefore, CUS respectfully requests that the effective date of this increase be April 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](mailto: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

Attachments

Schedule No. 1  
GENERAL FLAT RATE SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all sewer service.

TERRITORY

An area midway between the cities of Salinas and Monterey. In the vicinity of and along State Highway 68, Monterey County.

RATES

Per Month

All sewer service rates per each Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDUs),		
except as follows.....	\$ 133.86	(1)
Toro Park School.....	1,912.02	(1)
Corral de Tierra Country Club.....	1,297.94	(1)

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. Bills will be rendered in advance of the period for which service will be provided.
2. The above rates for individual-named customers are based upon an equivalent number of EDUs. Customers so classified may appeal the classification to the Commission under the provisions of Rule No. 10, Disputed Bills.
3. All bills are subject to the reimbursement fee set forth in Schedule No. UF.
4. A late charge will be imposed per Schedule No. LC.
5. In accordance with Section 2714 of the Public Utilities Code and PUC Resolution No. 3976, if a tenant in a rental unit leaves owing the utility, service to subsequent tenants in that unit will, at the Utilities option, be furnished on the account of the landlord or property owner.

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President  
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Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_

Schedule No. 2

**INCLUSION FEES**

APPLICABILITY

All new sewer connections to the utility's sewer system calculated in EDUs and any increased loading or potential increased loading to the utility's sewer system from an existing sewer connection calculated in EDUs, served by California Utilities Service, Inc. in its service area located midway between the cities of Salinas and Monterey, Monterey County.

INCLUSION FEES

PER EQUIVALENT  
DWELLING UNIT (EDU)

Real Estate Developers, Builders and Individuals \$ 8,648.07 (I)

Individuals owning a single lot within the service area that existed prior to May 13, 1987 and needing only a single residential sewer connection for Single Family Residential Service \$ 928.07 (I)

Real Estate Developer or Builder, for the purposes of these tariffs, shall include, but not be limited to, any person, firm, organization, corporation, company, association, sole proprietorship, partnership, limited liability partnership, limited liability company, trust, institution, municipality, other civic body, their lessees, trustees, receivers or trustees appointed by any court whatsoever that at any time divided a parcel of land within the service area of this utility into two or more portions or that develops property by preparing a site for residential or commercial use.

Each customer or applicant requesting connection to the utility's sewer system shall pay the utility, California Utilities Service, Inc., an Inclusion Fee, as described above, per EDU and any fraction thereof greater than the required minimum of one EDU, as a pro rata share of the estimated cost of sewage treatment plant construction. The number of EDUs to be assessed for the Inclusion Fee per connection shall be determined by the utility using the definitions provided in Tariff Rule No.1 for each type of service to be rendered.

All connections to the utility's sewer system shall be charged a minimum Inclusion Fee of at least one EDU.

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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. 70, 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. 70, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March 2019.

/s/ Andrea Schmitz  
Andrea Schmitz, Executive Assistant



CALIFORNIA UTILITIES SERVICE, INC.  
ADVICE LETTER NO. 70  
SERVICE LIST  
(AS PER SECTION 7.2 OF GENERAL ORDER NO. 96-B)LIST

Via First Class United States Mail and Via  
E-mail:

Bruce DeBerry  
Water Division  
California Public Utilities Commission  
505 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
[water\\_division@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:water_division@cpuc.ca.gov)

Via United States Mail, w/out attachments:

California-American Water Company  
4701 Beloit Drive  
Sacramento, CA 95838-2434

County Clerk  
County Administrative Office  
168 West Alisal Street, 1st Floor  
Salinas, CA 93901