

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

**Advice Letter Cover Sheet**

**Utility Name:** CA Utilities (SWR) **Date Mailed to Service List:** 04/4/19  
**District:** n/a  
**CPUC Utility #:** SWR 418 **Protest Deadline (20<sup>th</sup> Day):** 04/24/19  
**Advice Letter #:** 71 **Review Deadline (30<sup>th</sup> Day):** 05/4/19  
**Tier**  1  2  3  Compliance **Requested Effective Date:** 04/25/19  
**Authorization** PU Code 792.5 & GO96-B **Rate Impact:** \$28,352  
**Description:** Purchased Power Offset expense of \$28,352 due to increases in PG&E rates charges to CUS. 1.56%

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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>STAFF</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
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REJECTED

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

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

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

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# CALIFORNIA UTILITIES SERVICE, INC.

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April 4, 2019

ADVICE LETTER NO. 71

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>
355-SS	Schedule No. 1, General Flat Rate Service	348-SS
356-SS	Table of Contents	354-SS

The present rates of California Utilities Service, Inc. (CUS) 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%.

Through this Tier 1 Advice Letter, CUS requests Commission Authorization for a Power Expense Offset increase, as authorized by Section 792.5 of the Public Utilities Code and G.O. 96-B, Water Industry Rule 7.3.1(7) and 8.4, to prospectively collect sufficient revenues to pay the increase in its power bill due to increased PG&E power rates. The requested Power Expense Offset is in the form of a flat rate surcharge of \$2.07 per EDU which will result in an annual increase of \$28,352 or 1.56% to prospectively offset power costs currently billed by PG&E. The increase is calculated in accordance with CPUC Division of Water and Audits Standard Practice U-27-W. As required by Section 792.5 of the PU Code, the associated revenue increases are being tracked in CUS's Purchased Power Balancing Account.

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  
(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. (D)
14. As authorized by the Commission, pursuant to PU Code Section 792.5 and GO 96-B Water Industry Rules 7.3.1(7) and 8.4, beginning April 25, 2019 there will be a Purchased Power Expense Offset (PPEO) surcharge in the amount of \$2.07 per EDU per month, except the Toro Park School's surcharge will be \$29.56 per month and the Corral de Tierra Country Club's surcharge will be \$20.08 per month. The purpose of this PPEO surcharge is to offset increased purchased power costs of \$0.0810/kWh, relative to the purchased power costs adopted by Res. W-4837. The increased power cost will increase CUS's adopted purchased power composite rate to \$0.2418/kWh. As required by Section 792.5 of the PU Code, the associated revenue increases are being tracked in CUS's Purchased Power Balancing Account. (N)

(To be inserted by Utility)  
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*Issued by*  
Thomas R. Adcock  
NAME  
President  
TITLE

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Decision No. \_\_\_\_\_

Effective \_\_\_\_\_

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

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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. 71, 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. 71, 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 4<sup>th</sup> day of April 2019.

/s/ Andrea Schmitz  
Andrea Schmitz, Executive Assistant

CALIFORNIA UTILITIES SERVICE, INC.  
ADVICE LETTER NO. 71  
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