

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

Advice Letter Cover Sheet

Utility Name: Bass Lake Water Company
District: N/A
CPUC Utility #: U 190-W
Advice Letter #: 82-W
Tier: 1 2 3 Compliance
Authorization: D.92-03-093
Description: 2019 CPI Adjustment

Date Mailed to Service List: June 1, 2020
Protest Deadline (20th Day): June 20, 2020
Review Deadline (30th Day): June 30, 2020
Requested Effective Date: June 1, 2020
Rate Impact: \$16,961
2.3%

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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Email: Frank.brommen@verizon.net

Utility Contact: Stephen R. Welch
Phone: 559-642-2494
Email: steve@basslakerealty.com

DWA Contact: Tariff Unit
Phone: (415) 703-1133
Email: Water.Division@cpuc.ca.gov

DWA USE ONLY

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

APPROVED WITHDRAWN REJECTED

Signature: _____ **Comments:** _____
Date: _____

BASS LAKE WATER COMPANY

PO BOX 113 Bass Lake, CA 93604 559-642-2494 steview@basslakerealty.com

June 1, 2020

Advice Letter No. 82-W

TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Bass Lake Water Company (Bass Lake) hereby transmits for filing one original and one copy of this advice letter 82-W and the following tariff sheets which are enclosed:

<u>NEW SHEET #</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>CANCELLING SHEET #</u>
505-W	Schedule No. 1	472-W
506-W	Schedule No. 2	473-W
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REQUEST

By AL 82-W, Bass Lake requests permission to increase its revenues (based on increase to the present monthly quantity rate and service charge) by 2.3%, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for 2019. The projected revenue increase of \$16,961 will not result in a rate of return which exceeds the authorized rate of return of 12.15%. Work papers justifying this increase are enclosed.

BACKGROUND

The present rates became effective on March 29, 2019, pursuant to Resolution W-4540, which authorized an offset (CPI) rate increase of \$13,750 or 1.9%.

The last general rate increase by Resolution W-4544 authorized an increase of \$194,975 or 63.16% with an annual rate of margin of 24% or a 12.15% Rate of Return on Rate Base. A Rate Base Offset became effective on March 9, 2009 pursuant to Resolutions W-4741 and W-4735.

AL 82-W is filed pursuant to Ordering Paragraphs No. 1 of **Decision 92-03-093** and **Resolution W-4493**, which authorize Class C and D water and sewer utilities to file a request for a CPI increase once a year by AL. The increase is to be passed on to the utility's customers in their quantity rate and service charge.

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TIER DESIGNATION AND REQUESTED EFFECTIVE DATE

This AL and the enclosed tariff sheets are submitted pursuant to General Order (GO.) 96-B. AL 82-W is designated as a Tier 1 AL and the enclosed tariff sheets will become effective upon filing.¹

NOTICE

This AL does not require notice;² however, the utility shall inform its customers, by bill insert in the first bill that includes the increase, of the amount of the increase expressed in dollar and percentage terms.³ A copy of this AL has been served to all parties listed on the service list⁴ 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 PROTEST⁵

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.

¹ GO. 96-B, Water Industry Rule 7.3.1

² GO. 96-B, General Rule 4.2

³ GO. 96-B, General Rule 3.2

⁴ GO. 96-B, Water Industry Rule 4.1

⁵ 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. The Water Division 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 the Water Division, the respondent or protestant shall send a copy of the protest to Stephen R. Welch at: Bass Lake Water Company

Email Address:

steve@basslakerealty.com

Mailing Address:

Bass Lake Water Company
PO Box 113
Bass Lake, CA 93604

Cities and counties that need Board of Supervisors or Board of Commissioners approval to protest should inform the DWA, 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 DWA 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.⁶

⁶ GO. 96-B, General Rule 7.4.3

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SERVICE LIST

- Recipient 1 Hillview Water Company
Attn: James F. Foster, Manager
P.O. Box 2269
Oakhurst, CA 93644
H2o5@sti.net
- Recipient 2 Broadview Terrace Mutual Water Company
P.O. Box 1454
Oakhurst, CA 93644
info@btmwater.com
- Recipient 3 Yosemite Spring Park Utility Company
Attn: Layton Gillette, General Manager
laytong@yloa.org
- Recipient 4 Madera County
Resource Management Agency
Special Districts
mcpublicworks@madera-county.com

I hereby certify that the above service list has been served a copy of AL 82-W on June 1, 2020.

Executed in Santa Paula, California on the June 1, 2020.

Bass Lake Water Company

By: /s/Frank Brommenschenkel
Stephen R. Welch
President

Enclosures

Schedule No. 1

ANNUAL METERED SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all metered service furnished on an annual basis.

TERRITORY

The northwest shore of Bass Lake including the Falls and Bass Lake and vicinity, Madera County.

RATES

Quantity Rate:

All water, per 100 cubic feet..... \$1.418 (I)

Annual Service Charge:

Per Meter Per Year

For 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter.....	\$ 255.17	(I)
For 3/4-inch meter.....	382.77	(I)
For 1-inch meter.....	637.93	(I)
For 1-1/2-inch meter.....	1,275.84	(I)
For 2-inch meter.....	1,976.88	(I)
For 3-inch meter.....	3,827.53	(I)
For 4-inch meter.....	12,758.38	(I)

The service charge is a readiness-to-serve charge that is Applicable to all metered service and to which is to be added the annual charge computed at the Quantity Rates.

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Resolution No. W-4493 &W-4540

Schedule No. 2
ANNUAL RESIDENTIAL FLAT RATE SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all flat rate residential service furnished on an annual basis.

TERRITORY

The northwest shore of Bass Lake including the Falls and Bass Lake and vicinity, Madera County.

RATES

Per Service Connection
Per Year

For a single family resident unit		
3/4 inch service.....	\$ 765.12	(I)
1 inch service.....	1,275.14	(I)
1-1/4 inch service.....	1,912.80	(I)
1-1/2 inch service.....	2,550.48	(I)
2 inch service.....	4,080.95	(I)
 For each additional single-family unit on The same premises and served from the Same service connection.....	 \$572.39	 (I)

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. The annual service charge applies to service during the 12-month period commencing January 1, and is due in advance. If a permanent resident of the area has been a customer of the utility for at least 12 months, he or she may elect, at the beginning of the calendar year, to pay prorated service charges in advance at intervals of less than one year (monthly, bimonthly, or quarterly) in accordance with the utility's established billing periods. A non-permanent resident may elect to pay the annual charge in two equal installments. Where such a resident has failed to pay the first half of the annual charge due January 1, service will not be restored until the total annual charge has been paid.

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Bass Lake Water Company
Advice Letter 82-W Summary of Earnings CPI-U
June 1, 2020

Item	Resolution W-4544 6/30/05	Resolution W-4741 2/20/09	2.7% 2011 3.0% 2012 1.7% 2013 1.5% 2014 0.8% 2015 0.7% 2016 2.1% 2017 2.1% 2018 1.9% 2019 2.3%	2019 Recorded	CPI-U 2019 2.3%	Authorized Rates
Operating Revenue						
Metered	\$ 57,815	\$ 71,893		\$ 87,964		\$ 87,964
Flat	\$ 445,874	\$ 554,444		\$ 767,514		\$ 767,514
Irrigation				\$ 4,511		\$ 4,511
Other Water Revenue	\$ -			\$ 28,840		\$ 28,840
CDPH Fee Reimbursement				\$ -		
Total Revenue	\$ 503,689	\$ 626,337	\$ 737,426	\$ 888,828	\$ 16,961	\$ 905,789
Operating Expenses						
Purchased Water						\$ -
Purchased Power	\$ 13,000	\$ 13,000		\$ 22,314		\$ 22,314
Other Vol. Related exp.	\$ 26,564	\$ 26,564		\$ 58,213		\$ 58,213
Materials	\$ 17,900	\$ 17,900		\$ 30,854		\$ 30,854
Contract Work	\$ 17,890	\$ 17,890		\$ 48,727		\$ 48,727
DHS fee (in General exp per BL)	\$ 728	\$ 728				\$ -
Trans Expense	\$ 9,500	\$ 9,500		\$ 22,350		\$ 22,350
Other Plant Maint	\$ -	\$ -				\$ -
Management Salaries	\$ 6,646	\$ 6,646		\$ 40,320		\$ 40,320
Employee Pensions & Benefits	\$ 18,565	\$ 18,565		\$ 40,788		\$ 40,788
Office Salaries	\$ 13,200	\$ 13,200		\$ -		\$ -
Employee labor	\$ 129,947	\$ 129,947		\$ 251,163		\$ 251,163
Ofc. Service and Rentals	\$ 10,800	\$ 10,800		\$ 21,217		\$ 21,217
Ofc. Supplies and Exp.	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000		\$ 7,432		\$ 7,432
Uncollectables	\$ 450	\$ 450		\$ 1		\$ 1
Professional Services	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000		\$ 30,579		\$ 30,579
Insurance	\$ 36,500	\$ 36,500		\$ 46,547		\$ 46,547
Regulatory Expense	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000		\$ 14,479		\$ 14,479
General Expense	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000		\$ 11,509		\$ 11,509
Subtotal	\$ 313,690	\$ 313,690		\$ 646,494	\$ -	\$ 646,494
Depreciation Expense	\$ 39,537	\$ 56,858		\$ 68,873		\$ 68,873
Other than inc. tax	\$ 22,271	\$ 32,028		\$ 32,117		\$ 32,117
Income Taxes	\$ 38,071	\$ 82,583		\$ 34,982		\$ 34,982
Interest Expense	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 21,494		\$ 21,494
Non-Utility Income				\$ (28,413)		\$ (28,413)
Total Deductions	\$ 413,569	\$ 485,159		\$ 775,547	\$ -	\$ 775,547
Net Revenue	\$ 90,120	\$ 141,178		\$ 113,281	\$ 16,961	\$ 130,242
Rate Base						
Plant	\$ 1,585,051	\$ 2,279,448		\$ 2,577,196		\$ 2,577,196
CWIP	\$ 17,345	\$ -		\$ 812,148		\$ 812,148
Depr. Reserve	\$ 516,129	\$ 743,711		\$ 1,083,068		\$ 1,083,068
Net Plant	\$ 1,086,267	\$ 1,535,737		\$ 2,306,276	\$ -	\$ 2,306,276
Less: Contributions/Advances	\$ 438,957	\$ 384,480		\$ 242,224		\$ 242,224
Plus: Working Cash	\$ 7,182	\$ 7,182		\$ 14,805	\$ -	\$ 14,805
Plus: Material & Supplies	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500		\$ 2,129		\$ 2,129
Rate Base	\$ 657,992	\$ 1,161,939		\$ 2,080,986	\$ -	\$ 2,080,986
ROR = Net Rev/Rate Base	13.7%	12.15%		5.4%		6.26%
24% Rate of Margin	24.0%	34.1%		15.2%		17.4%

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Schedule No. 1
Annual Metered Service

		2.3% Increase	
Quantity Rate	\$ 1.386	\$	1.418
Annual Service Charge			
5/8 x 3/4	\$ 249.43	\$	255.17
3/4	\$ 374.16	\$	382.77
1	\$ 623.59	\$	637.93
1 1/2	\$ 1,247.16	\$	1,275.84
2	\$ 1,932.43	\$	1,976.88
3	\$ 3,741.48	\$	3,827.53
4	\$ 12,471.53	\$	12,758.38

Schedule No. 2
Annual Residential Flat Rate Service

		2.3% Increase	
Rates			
3/4	\$ 747.92	\$	765.12
1	\$ 1,246.47	\$	1,275.14
1 1/4	\$ 1,869.79	\$	1,912.80
1 1/2	\$ 2,493.14	\$	2,550.48
2	\$ 3,989.20	\$	4,080.95
Add. SF Unit	\$ 559.52	\$	572.39