

**FULTON WATER COMPANY, INC.  
P.O. BOX 1709  
CARNELIAN BAY, CA 96140**

July 30, 2020

California Public Utilities Commission  
Water Division  
Attn: Bruce DeBerry  
505 Van Ness Avenue, Room 3200  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: Fulton Water Company, Inc.  
General Rate Case

Dear Mr. DeBerry:

Accompanying this letter are three complete sets of work papers requesting a general rate increase for Fulton Water Company, Inc. (FWC) based on a 2021 test year. This will increase revenues by \$179,112 or 20.01%, over current rates, for test year 2021.

FWC's last general rate increase was approved on February 28, 2008 by Resolution No. W-4677. This Resolution authorized a rate of return of 12.6%. In this current filing FWC is requesting a rate of return of 10.4%.

The main reason for the rate increase is to recover cost of new water plant in previous years, to recover increased operating expenses in test year 2021, and to earn an adequate rate of return.

Subsequent to its last GRC, the company has requested Consumer Price (CPI) rate increases every year.

Fulton Water Company, Inc. provides water service to 946 residential un-metered customers and fire protection service to 56 fire hydrants in an unincorporated area, including the Subdivision known as Lake Forest Unit No.2, Ridgewood Highlands, Ridgewood, Fulton Acres, Carnelian Heights, Larson's Survey, and Caledonia Circle. Also, the East Half of NW quarter of Section 21 T16N, R17E, and M.D.B.M., all near Carnelian Bay, Lake Tahoe, Placer County.

FWC's water system consists of wells, pumps, storage tanks, distribution mains, services, fire hydrants, water treatment equipment, etc. Distribution mains are steel, plastic or transite ranging in size from 1" to 8".

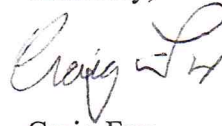
At the present time, FWC is in the process of metering its system. So far the company has spent \$408,650 in previous years to meter the system and plans on spending an additional \$140,000 over the next two years to complete the metering of its system.

Our PUC consultant is Marino Rodriguez at 897 Canterbury Street, Salinas CA 93906, phone No. (831) 809-2074, E-mail: marinorod@aol.com.

Please direct all questions and data requests to Mr. Rodriguez at the above email with a copy to me at fultonwater@yahoo.com.

If the attached work papers are incomplete in any respect, please let us know at once so we can provide the missing information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Craig Fox".

Craig Fox  
President

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

**Advice Letter Cover Sheet**

**Utility Name:** Fulton Water Company, Inc. **Date Mailed to Service List:** 7/30/20  
**District:**  
**CPUC Utility #:** WTC - 88 **Protest Deadline (20<sup>th</sup> Day):** 8/19/20  
**Advice Letter #:** 77 **Review Deadline (30<sup>th</sup> Day):** 8/29/20  
**Tier**  1  2  3  Compliance **Requested Effective Date:** 1/01/21  
**Authorization** Res. W-4540 and W-4658 **Rate Impact:** \$19,011  
**Description:** Requests Interim General Rate Increase. 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.

**Utility Contact:** Craig Fox  
**Phone:** (530) 583-3644  
**Email:** [Fultonwater@yahoo.com](mailto:Fultonwater@yahoo.com)

**Utility Contact:** Marino Rodriguez  
**Phone:** (831) 809-2074  
**Email:** [marinorod@aol.com](mailto:marinorod@aol.com)

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

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

WITHDRAWN

REJECTED

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

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

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

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**FULTON WATER COMPANY, INC.**  
**Placer County**

July 30, 2020

ADVICE LETTER No. 77

TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

FULTON WATER COMPANY, INC. (FWC) hereby transmits for filing one original and one copy of the following tariffs schedules which are attached hereto:

<u>CPUC</u> <u>SHEET No.</u>	<u>TITLE OF SHEET</u>	<u>CANCELING CPUC</u> <u>SHEET No.</u>
463-W	Schedule No. 1A, Annual General Metered Service	458-W
464-W	Schedule No. 2RA, Annual Residential Flat Rate Service	459-W
465-W	Schedule No. 4, Private Fire Protection Service	460-W
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The present rates of FWC became effective on July 6, 2020, through Advice Letter No. 76, which authorized a CPI increase of \$18,580 or 2.3%. The last general rate increase was approved on February 28, 2008 pursuant to Resolution No. W-4677.

**Summary**

Through Advice Letter No. 77, FWC respectfully requests Commission authorization for an interim General Rate Increase of \$19,011 or 2.3% subject to increase or refund consistent with Resolution No. W-4540 dated June 16, 2005 and Resolution No. W-4658, dated September 20, 2007. Along with this advice letter, FWC filed, with the Commission, general rate case work papers requesting a general rate increase of \$179,112 or 20.01% for test year 2021.

**Background**

Ordering Paragraph 1 of Resolution W-4540 states:

*“When a Class B, C, or D water or sewer system utility files a general rate case, it may file an advice letter for a CPI-U increase, subject to refund or increase to the rates found reasonable in the general rate case resolution or decision, for the requested test year. This advice letter shall be made effective by Commission resolution. No earnings test is required”*



Additionally, Ordering Paragraph 1 of Resolution No. W-4658, dated September 20, 2007 states:

*“A Class B, C or D water or sewer system utility is authorized to file for an interim General Rate Case rate increase based on the consumer price index or cash flow, with the final general rate increase subject to refund back to the date of approval of the increase, by Tier 1 advice letter”.*

Consistent with Ordering Paragraphs 1 of Resolution No. W-4540, and No. W-4658, PAWW requests Commission authorization for an interim general rate increase of \$19,011 or 2.3% subject to increase or refund after the related general rate case is approved by the Commission.

The 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.

#### **Notice**

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

#### **Requested Effective Date**

This filing is a Tier 1 advice letter per Ordering Paragraph 1 of Resolution W-4658 and may be effective the date of filing. Therefore FWC respectfully requests that the effective date of this advice letter be January 1, 2021.

#### **Response or Protest**

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, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
California Public Utilities Commission  
505 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
E-Mail: water\_division@cpuc.ca.gov

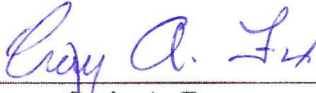
On the same day the response or protest is submitted to the Water Division, the respondent or protestant shall send a copy of the protest by mail or e-mail to us, addressed to:

Fulton Water Company, Inc.  
P.O. Box 1709  
Carnelian Bay, CA 96140  
Fax No. (530) 583-9102

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.

Fulton Water Company, Inc.

By   
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Craig A. Fox  
President

Attachments



SCHEDULE NO. 1A

ANNUAL GENERAL METERED SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all metered water service furnished on an annual basis.

TERRITORY

An area located approximately one mile southeast of Carnelian Bay, Lake Tahoe, Placer County.

RATES

Quantity Rate:

All water, per 100 cu. ft. \$ 1.956 (I)

Annual Service Charge:

For 5/8 x 3/4 inch meter	\$ 311.56	(I)
For 3/4 inch meter	\$ 467.33	
For 1 inch meter	\$ 778.87	
For 1-1/2 inch meter	\$ 1,557.71	
For 2 inch meter	\$ 2,492.40	
For 3 inch meter	\$ 4,673.19	
For 4 inch meter	\$ 7,788.69	(I)

The Service Charge is a readiness-to-serve charge which is applicable to all metered service and to which is to be added the monthly charge computed at the Quantity Rate.

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 resident of the area has been a customer of the utility for at least 12 months, he may elect, at the beginning of the calendar year, to pay prorated service charges in advance at intervals of less than one year in accordance with the utility's established billing period for water used.
2. The charge for water used may be billed monthly, bi-monthly, or quarterly, at the option of the utility.
3. The opening bill for metered service, except upon conversion from flat rate service, shall be the established annual service charge for the service. Where initial service is established after the first day of any year, the portion of such annual charge applicable to the current year shall be determined by multiplying the annual charge by one three-hundred-sixty fifth (1/365) of the number of days remaining in the year. The balance of the payment of the initial annual charge shall be credited against the charges for the succeeding annual period in which service is taken. If service is not continued for at least one year after the date of initial service, no refund of the initial annual charges shall be due the customer.
4. All bills are subject to the reimbursement fee set forth on Schedule No. UF.

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Advice Letter No. 77

Craig A. Fox

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**Schedule No. 2RA**  
**ANNUAL RESIDENTIAL FLAT RATE SERVICE**

**APPLICABILITY**

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

**TERRITORY**

An area located approximately one mile southwest of Carnelian Bay, Lake Tahoe, Placer County.

**Rates**

	<u>Per Service Connection</u> <u>Per Year</u>	
For a single-family residential unit, including premises:		
Served through a 3/4 inch service	\$ 923.72	(I)
1 inch service	\$ 1,542.57	(I)
1-1/2 inch service	\$ 3,075.88	(I)
For each additional single-family residential unit on the same premises and served from the same connection		
	\$ 646.60	(I)

**SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

- For service covered by the above classification, if the utility so elects, a meter shall be installed and service provided under Schedule No 1A, Annual General Service, effective as of the first day of the following calendar month. Where the flat rate charge for a period has been paid in advance, refund of the prorated difference between such flat rate payment and the metered service charge for the same period shall be made on or before that day.
- The annual flat rate 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 may elect, at the beginning of the calendar year, to pay prorated flat rate charges in advance at intervals of less than one year (monthly, by-monthly, 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.
- The opening bill for flat rate service shall be the established annual flat rate charge for the service. Where initial service is established after the first day of any year, the portion of such annual charge applicable to the current year shall be determined by multiplying the annual charge by one-three hundred-sixty-fifth (1/365) of the number of days remaining in the year. The balance of the payment of the initial annual charge shall be credited against the charges for the succeeding annual period in which service is taken. If service is not continued for at least one year after the date of initial service, no refund of the initial annual charges shall be due the customer.
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**SCHEDULE No. 4**

**Service to Privately Owned Fire Protection Systems**

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all water service furnished for privately owned fire protection systems.

TERRITORY

An area located approximately one mile southeast of Carnelian Bay, Lake Tahoe,  
Placer County.

RATES

	Per Service Per Year	
For each inch of diameter of service connection	\$ 198.06	(I)

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. For water delivered for other than fire protection purposes, charges shall be made under Schedule No. 1A, Annual General Metered Service or Schedule No. 2RA, Annual Residential Flat rate Service.
2. The Utility undertakes to supply only such water at such pressure as may be available from time to time as a result of normal operation of Utility's system. Section 774 of the Public Utilities Code limits the liability of the Utility resulting from a claim regarding the provision or maintenance of an adequate water supply, water pressure, equipment or other fire protection facility or service. This limit of liability includes but is not limited to the construction and repair of fire protection facilities. Acceptance of service under this tariff is acknowledgement of notice of the provisions of Section 774 of the Public Utilities Code.
3. Service hereunder is for private fire protection systems to which no connections for other than fire protection purposes are allowed and which are regularly inspected by underwriters having jurisdiction, are installed according to specifications of the Utility and are maintained to the satisfaction of the Utility. The Utility may require the installation of a detector check valve with meter for protection against theft, leakage or waste of water and these costs will be paid by the applicant. These costs shall not be subject to refund.
4. Maintenance will be the responsibility of the customer of record at his cost.

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**P.O. Box 1709**  
**Carnelian Bay, CA 96140**

**FULTON WATER COMPANY, INC.**  
**ADVICE LETTER No. 77**  
**SERVICE LIST**  
**(AS PER SECTION 4.3 OF GENERAL ORDER No. 96-B)**

Via First Class U.S. Mail and E-mail

Rami Khalon, Director  
Division of Water and Audits  
California Public Utilities Commission  
505 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Without Attachments

Via First Class U.S. Mail

Agate Bay Water  
P.O. Box 444  
Carnelian Bay, CA 96140

North Tahoe Public Utilities District

P.O. Box 139  
Tahoe Vista, CA 96148

Tahoe City Public Utilities District

P.O. Box 5249  
Tahoe City, CA 96145

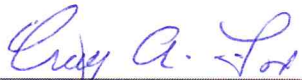


**Fulton Water Company, Inc**  
**P.O. Box 1709**  
**Carnelian Bay, CA 96140**

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true copy via first class U.S. Mail and E-mail of the following document, Fulton Water Company, Inc., Advice Letter No. 77, 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 first class United States mail of the following document, Fulton Water Company, Inc., Advice Letter No. 77, without attachments, upon all additional parties of record as shown on the Service List attached hereto, a copy thereof properly addressed to each party.

Executed in Carnelian Bay, California, on the 30th day of July, 2020.



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Craig A. Fox  
President