

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 (20th Day): 08/19/20

Advice Letter #: 78

Review Deadline (30th Day): 8/29/20

Tier 1 2 3 Compliance

Requested Effective Date: ASAP

Authorization

Rate Impact: \$179,112
20.01%

Description: Informal General Rate Increase.

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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DATE

STAFF

COMMENTS

APPROVED

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REJECTED

Signature: _____

Comments: _____

Date: _____

FULTON WATER COMPANY, INC.
Placer County

July 30, 2020

ADVICE LETTER No. 78

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 SHEET No.</u>	<u>TITLE OF SHEET</u>	<u>CANCELING CPUC SHEET No.</u>
467-W	Schedule No. 1A, Annual General Metered Service	463-W
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The present rates of FWC became effective on May 28, 2019, through Advice Letter No. 74, which authorized a CPI increase of \$15,063 or 1.9%. The last general rate increase was approved on February 28, 2008 pursuant to Resolution No. W-4677.

Summary

Through Advice Letter No. 78, FWC respectfully requests Commission authorization to establish the rates requested in Fulton Water Company's general rate case filed on July 30, 2020.

Background

On July 30, 2020 FWC filed with the Commission work papers requesting a general rate increase (GRC) of \$179,112 or 20.01% and a return based on a rate base of 10.40%, which is in the range approved for Class C water utilities for Year 2020 of 9.90% to 10.90%. Advice Letter No. 78 is filed to establish the rates requested in Fulton Water Company's GRC.

Along with Advice Letter No. 78, FWC is enclosing, as Attachment A, a copy of a "Draft Notice to Customers" to be approved by the Division of Water and Audits.

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 3 advice letter which needs resolution to be disposed of. Therefore FWC respectfully requests approval of Advice Letter No. 78 as soon as possible.

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, 3rd Floor
California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102
E-Mail: water_division@cpuc.ca.gov

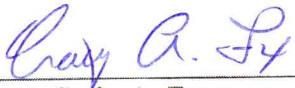
On the same day the response or protest is submitted to the Water Division, the respondent or protestant shall send a copy of the protest by mail or e-mail to us, addressed to:

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 
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. \$ 3.246 (I)

Annual Service Charge:

For 5/8 x 3/4 inch meter	\$ 399.28	(I)
For 3/4 inch meter	\$ 598.91	
For 1 inch meter	\$ 998.19	
For 1-1/2 inch meter	\$ 1,996.38	
For 2 inch meter	\$ 3,194.20	
For 3 inch meter	\$ 5,989.13	
For 4 inch meter	\$ 9,981.89	(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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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	\$ 1,083.61	(1)
1 inch service	\$ 1,809.63	(1)
1-1/2 inch service	\$ 3,608.42	(1)
For each additional single-family residential unit on the same premises and served from the same connection	\$ 758.53	(1)

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	\$ 232.35	(1)

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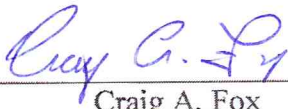
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Fulton Water Company, Inc
P.O. Box 1709
Carnelian Bay, CA 96140

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. 78, 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. 78, 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.



Craig A. Fox
President

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

FULTON WATER COMPANY, INC.
ADVICE LETTER No. 78
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.
NOTICE OF PROPOSED RATE INCREASE AND PUBLIC MEETING
WITH THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION STAFF

By Advice Letter No. 78, dated July 30, 2020, Fulton Water Company (FWC) has requested authority from the CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (CPUC), to increase its water rates by \$179,112 or 20.01% in test year 2021 over present rates. FWC's last General Rate Case (GRC) became effective on February 28, 2008 pursuant to Resolution No. W-4677. The proposed rate increase is necessary to offset increased operating expenses and provide FWC an adequate rate of return.

The CPUC staff will hold a public meeting on _____ at _____, at _____, located at _____ to explain the increase process and receive public input.

Fulton Water Company proposes to increase rates as follows:

	<u>Per Service Connection Per Year</u>	
<u>Test Year 2021:</u>	<u>Present Rates</u>	<u>Proposed Rates</u>
Annual Residential Flat Rate Service (Schedule No. 2RA)		
<u>For a single-family residential unit, including premises:</u>		
Served through a ¾ inch service.....	\$ 902.95	\$ 1,083.61
Served through a 1 inch service.....	\$ 1,507.89	\$ 1,809.63
Served through a 1-1/2 inch service.....	\$ 3,006.73	\$ 3,608.42
For each additional single-family residential unit on the same premises and served from the same connection.....	\$ 632.06	\$ 758.53

The CPUC staff will make a thorough investigation of the utility's request. Following the investigation, the CPUC may grant the utility's request in whole or in part, or may deny it. It may also order the utility to charge rates different from those shown in this notice.

The public meeting is informal and affords customers the opportunity to ask questions and express their views. FWC will have representatives at the meeting to explain the reasons for the proposed increase. Likewise there will be a CPUC Staff representative present, who will conduct the meeting and explain how the CPUC staff will analyze the proposed rates.

California law requires the company to show to the CPUC's satisfaction that an increase is justified before it may raise its rates. Customers who would like to call the CPUC's attention to any problems concerning their water service, or who would like to provide any other information or comments regarding this requested increase should do so at the public meeting and/or should write to the CPUC.

There are two ways to respond to this notice. You may send a protest to the CPUC and, if you do, you must send a copy of the protest to FWC, or you can send a response to the CPUC.

Protest and Responses:

A protest is a document objecting to the granting in whole or in part of the authority sought in this advice letter filing. A response is a document that does not object to the authority sought, but nevertheless presents information that the party tendering the response believes would be useful to the CPUC in acting on the request.

A protest must be mailed within 20 days of the date of this notice. A protest must state the facts constituting the grounds for the protest, the effect that approval of the advice letter might have on the protestant and the reasons the protestant believes the advice letter or part of it is not justified. If the protest requests an evidentiary hearing, the protest must state the facts the protestant would present at an evidentiary hearing to support its request for whole or partial denial of the advice letter.

All protests or responses to this filing should be sent to both of the following addresses and should mention that they pertain to **Fulton Water Company, Inc., 2021 General Rate Case.**

California Public Utilities Commission
Division of Water and Audits
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102
Fax: (415) 703-2655
E-mail: water_division@cpuc.ca.gov

Fulton Water Company, Inc.
Attn: Craig Fox
P.O. Box 1709
Carnelian Bay, CA 96140
Telephone: (530) 583-3644
E-mail: fultonwater@yahoo.com

Comments must be sent no later than twenty (20) days after the date of this notice was sent.

If you have not received a reply to your protest from the utility within ten (10) business days, contact FWC at (530) 583-3644.

A copy of FWC's filing may be inspected at their business office located on _____.
By calling (530) 583-3644, you may request a copy to be mailed to you. You will be billed for the copies at \$0.10 per page.

Further information may be obtained from the utility at its business office or from the CPUC at the above address.

NOTE: THE MEETING PLACE IS ACCESSIBLE TO THE PHYSICALLY DISABLED

Mailed on _____