

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

Advice Letter Cover Sheet

Utility Name: TAHOE PARK Water Company

Date Mailed to Service List: May 14, 2020

CPUC Utility #: WTC 96

Protest Deadline (20th Day): June 3, 2020

Advice Letter #: 74-W

Review Deadline (30th Day): June 13, 2020

Tier 1 2 3 Compliance

Requested Effective Date: May 14, 2020

Authorization D.92-03-093

Rate Impact: \$8,108
2.3%

Description: 2019 CPI-U Rate Adjustment

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

APPROVED

WITHDRAWN

REJECTED

Signature: _____

Comments: _____

Date: _____

Tahoe Park Water Company

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May 14, 2020

Advice Letter No. 74-W

TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

TAHOE PARK Water Company (TAHOE PARK) hereby transmits for filing one original and one copy of this advice letter (AL) and the following tariff sheets which are enclosed:

<u>NEW SHEET #</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>CANCELLING SHEET #</u>
510-W	Schedule No. 1A, Annual Metered Service	481-W
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REQUEST

By AL No. 74-W, TAHOE PARK 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 \$8,108 will not result in a rate of return which exceeds the authorized return on rate base of 13%. Workpapers justifying this increase are enclosed.

BACKGROUND

The present rates became effective on April 15, 2019, by approval of AL No. 71-W, which implemented a Consumer Price Index increase of 1.9%.

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The last general rate increase became effective on May 24, 2007, pursuant to Resolution W-4628, which authorized a general rate increase of \$145,925, or 70.6% with a return on rate base of 13%.

AL No. 74-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

TIER DESIGNATION AND REQUESTED EFFECTIVE DATE

This AL and the enclosed tariff sheets are submitted pursuant to General Order (GO.) 96-B. AL No. 74-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.

¹GO. 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

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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.

⁵ GO. 96-B, General Rule 7.4.1

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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.

A protest shall provide citations or proofs where available to allow staff to properly consider the protest. The Water Division (DW) 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 DW, the respondent or protestant shall send a copy of the protest to TAHOE PARK at:

Mailing Address:

TAHOE PARK Water Company
5000 Windplay Dr., Suite 4,
El Dorado Hills, CA 95762

Email Address:

rmdewante@sbcglobal.net

Cities and counties that need Board of Supervisors or Board of Commissioners approval to protest should inform DW, 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 DW 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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I hereby certify that the service list from Advice Letter No. 74-W has been served a copy of this Advice Letter on May 14, 2020.

Executed in El Dorado Hills, California on May 14, 2020.

TAHOE PARK Water Company

By: _____
Richard Dewante
President

Enclosures

Earnings Test

Tahoe Park Water Company Summary of Earnings

Category	Most Recent Adopted in Resolution W-4628 5/24/07 a	Actual 2019 b	CPI Increase @2.3% on Adopted Revenue Only c=a*2.3%	Revenue After CPI Increase, Actual Expenses, & Actual Rate Base (Revenues) d=b + c
Operative Revenues:				
Flat Rate	288,599	595,833	6,638	602,471
Metered	60,641	92,275	1,395	93,670
Approved Total Surcharge Revenue(s)			-	0
Private Fire Protection			-	0
Other Water Revenue	3,265	1,323	75	1,398
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	352,505	689,431	8,108	697,539
Operative Expenses:				
Purchased Water		4,465		4,465
Purchased Power	33,485	25,889		25,889
Purchased Chemicals				-
Other Volume Related Expenses	1,846			-
Employee Labor	22,770	5,808		5,808
Materials	9,224			-
Contract Work	5,314	62,632		62,632
Water Testing				-
Transportation Expense	5,637	20,658		20,658
Other Plant Maintenance	1,117	3,931		3,931
Office Salaries	3,116			-
Management Salaries	19,960	70,000		70,000
Employee Pension and Benefits	4,149			-
Uncollectibles	1,107	-		-
Office Service and Rentals		8,450		8,450
Office Supplies and Expenses	4,436	11,194		11,194
Professional Services	16,000	93,225		93,225
Insurance	3,618	4,343		4,343
Regulatory Commission Expense	5,430	3,306		3,306
General Expenses	2,714	10,798		10,798
SUBTOTAL	139,923	324,699		324,699
Depreciation	26,204	75,495		75,495
Taxes Other than Income	13,974	22,314		22,314
State and Federal Income Taxes	59,784	55,571		55,571
Interest	-	14,110		14,110
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	239,885	492,189		492,189
NET REVENUE	112,620	197,242		205,350
RATE BASE				
Average Plant	1,320,588	3,958,970		3,958,970
Less: Average Accumulated Depreciation	209,738	1,063,894		1,063,894
NET PLANT	1,110,850	2,895,077		2,895,077
Less: Advances & Contributions	267,857	511,556		511,556
Plus: Working Cash	13,310	24,900		24,900
Materials & Supplies	10,000	10,000		10,000
RATE BASE	866,303	2,418,421		2,418,421
RATE OF RETURN	13.00%	8.16%		8.49%
Earnings Test:	8.49%	<	13.00%	

Schedule No. 1A

ANNUAL METERED SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

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

TERRITORY

The unincorporated areas including Tahoe Park Miramar Heights, and Tahoe Sierra Estates Subdivision, and vicinity, located adjacent to State Highway 89 approximately 1 to 2 miles south of the community of Tahoe City, Placer County

RATES

Quantity Rate:

For all water, per 100 cu. ft.	\$1.84	(l)
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Service Charge:

	<u>Per Meter</u>	
	<u>Per Year</u>	
For 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter	\$298.88	(l)
For 3/4-inch meter	\$448.40	(l)
For 1-inch meter	\$747.32	(l)
For 1 1/2-inch meter	\$1,494.73	(l)
For 2-inch meter	\$2,390.55	(l)
For 3-inch meter	\$4,483.46	(l)

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

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Schedule No. 1B

ANNUAL METERED SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

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

TERRITORY

The unincorporated areas including the Skyland and Nielsen subdivisions, and vicinity, located adjacent to Highway 89 approximately 2 to 3 miles south of the community of Tahoe City, Placer County.

RATES

Quantity Rate:

For all water, per 100 cu. ft.	\$1.84	(l)
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Service Charge:

	<u>Per Meter</u>	
	<u>Per Year</u>	
For 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter	\$467.02	(l)
For 3/4-inch meter	\$616.52	(l)
For 1-inch meter	\$915.44	(l)
For 1 1/2-inch meter	\$1,662.87	(l)
For 2-inch meter	\$2,558.65	(l)
For 3-inch meter	\$4,478.00	(l)

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

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Schedule No. 2RA-TP

ANNUAL FLAT RATE SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

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

TERRITORY

The unincorporated areas including Tahoe Park, Miramar Heights, and Tahoe Sierra Estates Subdivision, and vicinity, located adjacent to State Highway 89 approximately 1 to 2 miles south of the community of Tahoe City, Placer County..

RATE

For a single family residential unit or small business served by a 3/4" or smaller service connection, including premises	\$1,037.02	(I)
For each additional single-family residential unit or small business establishment on the same premises and served from the same 3/4" or smaller service connection .	\$829.65	(I)
For 1-inch diameter flat rate service	\$1,763.01	(I)

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Schedule No. 2RA-SKY

ANNUAL FLAT RATE SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

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

TERRITORY

The unincorporated areas including the Skyland and Nielsen subdivisions, and vicinity, located adjacent to Highway 89 approximately 2 to 3 miles south of the community of Tahoe City, Placer County.

RATE

	<u>Per Service Connection Per Year</u>		
	<u>BASE</u>	<u>PUMPING</u>	
	<u>CHARGE</u>	<u>ZONE ADDER</u>	
For a single family residential unit or small business served by a 3/4" or smaller service connection, including premises	\$1,037.02	\$168.14	(I)
For each additional single-family residential unit or small business establishment on the same premises and served from the same 3/4" or smaller service connection .	\$829.65	\$134.42	(I)
For 1-inch diameter flat rate service	\$1,763.01	\$294.72	(I)

Note: The pumping zone adder is an explicit part of the flat rate charge to reflect different pumping requirements for each of the service territories

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Schedule No. 4

PRIVATE FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all water service furnished for private fire systems and to private fire hydrants.

TERRITORY

This schedule is applicable within the entire territory served by the utility.

RATES

	<u>Per Year</u>	
For each inch of diameter of service connection	\$415.19	(I)

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. The customer will pay, without refund, the entire cost of the private fire facilities.
2. The private fire service facilities shall be installed by the utility or under the utility's direction and shall be the sole property of the applicant but subject to the control of the utility, with the right to alter, repair, replace, and the right to remove upon discontinuance of service.
3. The minimum diameter for the private fire service connection will be 4 inches. The maximum diameter shall not be larger than the diameter of the water main to which the private fire service facilities are connected.
4. If a water main of adequate size is not available adjacent to the premises to be served, then a new main from the nearest existing main of adequate size will be installed by the utility at the cost of the customer. Such cost shall not be subject to refund.

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