

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

Advice Letter Cover Sheet

Utility Name: THE SEA RANCH WATER COMPANY, INC. **Date Mailed to Service List:** 03/20/20

District:

CPUC Utility #: WTC - 126 **Protest Deadline (20th Day):** 04/09/20

Advice Letter #: 103 **Review Deadline (30th Day):** 04/19/20

Tier 1 2 3 Compliance **Requested Effective Date:** ASAP

Authorization **Rate Impact:** \$0
0%

Description: Requests new service offering for commercial customers with 4-inch meters required by the county.

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: 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APPROVED WITHDRAWN REJECTED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: _____

THE SEA RANCH WATER COMPANY, INC.
Sonoma County

March 20, 2020

ADVICE LETTER No. 103

TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

THE SEA RANCH WATER COMPANY (TSRWC) hereby transmits for filing one original and one copy each 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>
487-W	Schedule No. 1, General Metered Service	461-W
488-W	Schedule No. 1, General Metered Service (continued)	433-W
489-W	Schedule No. 1-A, General Metered Service - Outside Users	463-W
490-W	Schedule No. 1-A, General Metered Service - Outside Users (continued)	435-W
491-W	Table of Contents	486-W

The present rates of TSRWC became effective on December 18, 2019, through Advice letter No. 101, which approved a Consumer Price Index Increase of \$47,222 for year 2018. The last general rate increase was effective on October 11, 2012 pursuant to Resolution No. W-4931, which authorized a general rate increase of \$697,677 or 57.08% for test year 2012, an increase of \$577,647 or 30.09% for escalation year 2013, and a revenue decrease of \$63,415 or -2.54% for escalation year 2014.

Summary

This advice letter is filed to incorporate a new water service offering for all commercial customers that require a 4-inch meter for County fire flows but need only a smaller size meter for daily operations.

Background

Currently TSRWC's tariffs for general metered service has service offerings and special conditions for any residential customer who require a 1-inch or 2-inch meter only because of fire flow requirements for fire sprinkler or fire suppression. These service offerings were approved by Resolution No. W-4539 dated June 16, 2005.

TSRWC would like to extend this similar treatment to commercial customers who require a 4-inch meter for County fire flows when a smaller size meter would suffice for daily operations. The cost of having a 4-inch meter, when it is superfluous for the customer's needs, is prohibitive to operating a successful business. TSRWC believes that the situation for residential and commercial customers are exact parallels and should be treated the same.

Therefore, TSRWC is filing this advice letter to incorporate a new water service offering for all commercial customers that require a 4-inch meter for County fire flows but need only a smaller size meter for daily operations. This new offering would be 4-inch meter for fire suppression and the compromised rate would be the cost of a 2-inch meter plus a 25% surcharge.

Requested Effective Date

This filing is a Tier 2 advice letter and is effective upon approval. TSRWC respectfully requests approval of AL - 103 as soon as possible.

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 Ordering Paragraph No. 3 of Resolution No. W-4664, TSRWC will provide notice to its customers of the increase in dollar and percentage terms with the first bill that includes the increase.

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.

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:

The Sea Ranch Water Company, Inc.
P.O. Box 16
The Sea Ranch, CA 95497
Fax No. (707) 785-3555

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.

The Sea Ranch Water Company, Inc.

By 
Frank Bell
Chief Executive Officer

Attachments

Schedule No. 1
GENERAL METERED SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all metered water service

TERRITORY

The area known as The Sea Ranch, and vicinity, located approximately 7 miles southeast of Gualala, Sonoma County.

RATES

Quantity Rates

All water, per 100 gallons..... \$ 1.90

<u>Service charge :</u>	<u>Per Meter</u> <u>Per Bi-Monthly Period</u>	
For 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter.....	\$ 121.22	
For 1-inch meter for fire sprinkler.....	151.53	
For 3/4-inch meter.....	181.83	
For 1-inch meter	303.05	
For 2-inch meter for fire suppression.....	379.42	
For 1-1/2-inch meter	606.10	
For 2-inch meter	969.76	
For 4-inch meter for fire suppression	1,212.20	(N)
For 3-inch meter	1,818.30	
For 4-inch meter	3,030.51	

The Service Charge is 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 Rates.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. Any customer prior to resuming service within twelve months after such service was discontinued will be required to pay all service charges that would have been billed if service had not been discontinued.
2. All bills shall be subject to the Plant Replacement Fee set forth in Schedule R.
3. Any service to a residential customer who requires a 1-inch meter only because of fire flow requirements for a fire sprinkler system will be billed at the above 5/8 x 3/4 inch meter service charge plus a 25% surcharge.
4. Any service to a residential customer who requires a 2-inch meter only because of fire flow requirements for fire suppression will be billed at the above 1-inch meter service charge plus a 25% surcharge.

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Schedule No. 1
GENERAL METERED SERVICE
(continued)

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

- 5. Any service to a commercial customer who requires a 4-inch meter only because of fire flow requirements for fire suppression will be billed at the above 2-inch meter service charge plus a 25% surcharge. (N)
| (N)
- 5. All bills are subject to the reimbursement fee set forth on Schedule No. UF. (T)
- 6. Service under this Schedule will not be provided to for water use beyond the service area of the utility. Customers using water beyond the service area must take service under Schedule No. 1-A, "General Metered Service-Outside Users" (T)

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Schedule No. 1-A
GENERAL METERED SERVICE – OUTSIDE USERS

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all metered water service for use beyond the service area.

TERRITORY

The area known as The Sea Ranch, and vicinity, located approximately 7 miles southeast of Gualala, Sonoma County.

RATES

Quantity Rates

All water, per 100 gallons..... \$ 1.90

<u>Service charge :</u>	<u>Per Meter</u> <u>Per Bi-Monthly Period</u>	
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Schedule No. 1-A
GENERAL METERED SERVICE – OUTSIDE USERS
(Continued)

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

- 5. Any service to a commercial customer who requires a 4-inch meter only because of fire flow requirements for fire suppression will be billed at the above 2-inch meter service charge plus a 25% surcharge. (N)
|
(N)
- 6. All bills are subject to the reimbursement fee set forth on Schedule No. UF. (T)
- 7. If the utility determines that continued service to customers served under this schedule would directly or indirectly put at risk the ability of the utility to maintain or secure the water supply available to service existing and future customers served under Schedule Nos. 1 and 3, then the utility may discontinue service to customers under this Schedule after providing the customers with 180 days advance notice. (T)
- 8. This Schedule is closed to new customers. (T)

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The Sea Ranch Water Company, Inc.
P.O. Box 16
The Sea Ranch, CA 95468

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true copy via first class United States mail and electronic mail of the following document, The Sea Ranch Water Company, Inc. Advice Letter No. 103, 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, The Sea Ranch Water Company, Inc. Advice Letter No. 103, upon all additional parties as shown on the Service List attached hereto, a copy thereof properly addressed to each party.

Executed in The Sea Ranch, California on the 20th day of March, 2020.



Ellen Buechner
Chief Financial Officer

The Sea Ranch Water Company, Inc.
P.O. Box 16
The Sea Ranch, CA 95497

THE SEA RANCH WATER COMPANY, INC.
ADVICE LETTER No. 103
SERVICE LIST
(AS PER SECTIONS 4.3 AND 7.2 OF GENERAL ORDER No. 96-B)

Via First Class United States Mail and Email

Bruce DeBerry, Program Manager
Division of Water and Audits
California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

Via First Class United States Mail
Without Attachments

North Gualala Water Company
P.O. Box 1000
Gualala, CA 95445

Point Arena Water Works, Inc.
P.O. Box 205
Point Arena, CA 95468