

WEIMAR WATER COMPANY

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March 20, 2020

Advice Letter No. 68-W

TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Weimar Water Company (Weimar) hereby transmits for filing one original and one copy of this advice letter 68-W and the following tariff sheets which are enclosed:

<u>NEW SHEET #</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>CANCELLING SHEET #</u>
390-W	Schedule No. 1	362-W
391-W	Schedule No. 2R-TH	363-W
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REQUEST

By AL 68-W, Weimar 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. This projected revenue increase of \$18,615 will not result in a rate of return which exceeds the authorized rate of return of 10.49%. Workpapers justifying this increase are enclosed.

BACKGROUND

The present rates became effective on January 1, 2019, pursuant to Resolution W-5144, which authorized additional annual revenues of \$9,952, or 1.24% for escalation year 2019.

The last general rate increase became effective on August 11, 2017, pursuant to Resolution W-5144, which authorized a general rate increase of \$137,039 or 20.93% for test year 2017, \$7,631 or 0.96% for escalation year 2018, and \$9,952 or 1.24% for escalation year 2019. The corresponding rate of return of 10.50%, 10.50% and 10.49%.

AL 68-W is filed pursuant to Ordering Paragraphs No. 1 of **Decision 92-03-093** and **Resolutions W-4493, W-4450 and W-4658**, which authorize Class B, 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 68-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 Gerry LaBudde at: Weimar Water Company

Email Address:

glabudde@hydros-engineering.com

Mailing Address:

Weimar Water Company
P.O. Box 598
Weimar, CA 95736

Cities and counties that need Board of Supervisors or Board of Commissioners approval to protest should inform 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 Placer County Water Agency
P.O. Box 6570
144 Ferguson Road
Auburn, CA 95604 BSmith@pcwa.net
- Recipient 2 Placer County Planning Department
3091 County Center Drive #140
Auburn, CA 95603 planning@placer.ca.gov
- Recipient 3 Midway Heights County Water District
Attn. Jason Tiffany
P.O. Box 596
Meadow Vista, CA 95722 admin@mhcwd.org
- Recipient 4 Department of Public Health
Attn. Michael McNamara
415 Knollcrest Dr. Ste 110
Redding, CA 96002
530-224-4800 steve.watson@waterboards.ca.gov

I hereby certify that the above service list has been served a copy of AL 68-W on March 20, 2020.

Executed in Santa Paula, California on the March 20, 2020.

Weimar Water Company

By: /s/Frank Brommenschenkel

Gerry LaBudde

President

Enclosures

Schedule No. 1
GENERAL METERED SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all metered water service furnished on a monthly basis.

TERRITORY

Sleepy Hollow Acres, and vicinity, located approximately two miles north of Weimar, Placer County. The unincorporated area including the Frey Subdivision, and vicinity located near Weimar, Placer County. Weimar Institute, Timberhills Mutual Water Company, and Midway Heights County Water District.

RATES

Monthly Quantity Rate:

All water used per 100 cubic feet.....\$2.62 (I)

Service Charge:

Per Meter Per Month
Service Charge

For	5/8 x 3/4 inch meter.....	63.77	(I)
For	3/4-inch meter.....	95.67	(I)
For	1-inch meter.....	159.44	(I)
For	1-1/2-inch meter.....	318.89	(I)
For	2-inch meter.....	510.22	(I)
For	3-inch meter.....	956.67	(I)
For	4-inch meter.....	1594.45	(I)

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.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS:

1. The annual service charge applies to service during the 12-month period commencing January 1 and is due in advance. A customer who has established his permanency by having paid for service during the preceding 12 months may elect to pay the annual service charge on a monthly basis.
2. When the annual service charge is paid in advance, charges for water used in excess of the monthly allowance under the annual service charge may be billed monthly, bimonthly, or quarterly at the option of the utility on a no cumulative consumption basis.
3. All bills are subject to the reimbursement fee set forth in Schedule No. UF.

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Schedule No. 2R-TH
MONTHLY FLAT RATE SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all Timber Hills customers receiving untreated surface water.

TERRITORY

Former Timber Hills Mutual Water Company.

RATES

	Per Service Connection	
	<u>Per Month</u>	
Per untreated surface water connection:	\$14.21	(I)

SPECIAL CONDITIONS:

1. The above flat rates apply to a service connection not larger than one-inch in diameter.
2. Flat rate charged shall be the same time period as the billing under Schedule No. 1 GENERAL METERED SERVICE and prorated accordingly.
3. All bills are subject to the reimbursement fee set forth in Schedule No. UF.

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Weimar Water Company, Inc.
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3/20/2020

Description	Res. W-5144 8/11/2017	Recorded 2019	2019 CPI-U 2.3%	Authorized Rates
OPERATING REVENUES				
Metered Water Revenues	\$ 799,856	\$ 778,785	\$ 18,397	\$ 797,182
Other Revenue (non-potable)	\$ 9,502	\$ 8,768	\$ 219	\$ 8,987
Other Water Revenue		\$ 10,042	\$ -	\$ 10,042
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 809,358	\$ 797,595	\$ 18,615	\$ 816,210
OPERATING EXPENSES				
Purchased Water	\$ 49,445	\$ 62,615		\$ 62,615
Power	\$ 44,884	\$ 51,725		\$ 51,725
Other Volume Related Exp.	\$ 20,148	\$ 25,454		\$ 25,454
Employee Labor	\$ 124,772	\$ 163,672		\$ 163,672
Materials	\$ 14,934	\$ 10,081		\$ 10,081
Contract Work – General Exp.	\$ 8,695	\$ 6,806		\$ 6,806
Contract Work – Water Testing	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
Transportation Expenses	\$ 9,595	\$ 4,443		\$ 4,443
Other Plant Maintenance Exp.	\$ 9,507	\$ 13,258		\$ 13,258
Office Salaries	\$ 30,837	\$ 40,935		\$ 40,935
Management Salaries	\$ 11,228	\$ 15,638		\$ 15,638
Employee Pensions and Benefits	\$ -	\$ 156		\$ 156
Uncollectible Accounts Exp.	\$ 767	\$ 1,000		\$ 1,000
Office Services and Rentals	\$ 7,656	\$ 14,054		\$ 14,054
Office Supplies and Exp.	\$ 14,782	\$ 10,397		\$ 10,397
Professional Services	\$ 5,463	\$ 11,081		\$ 11,081
Insurance	\$ 10,605	\$ 8,871		\$ 8,871
Regulatory Commission Exp.	\$ 3,767	\$ 10,042		\$ 10,042
General Expenses	\$ 4,455	\$ 9,039		\$ 9,039
SUBTOTAL	\$ 371,539	\$ 459,266		\$ 459,266
Depreciation Expense	\$ 67,544	\$ 70,031		\$ 70,031
Loan Interest Expense	\$ 14,320	\$ 6,372		\$ 6,372
Taxes Other Than Income Taxes	\$ 17,516	\$ 17,280		\$ 17,280
Income Taxes & Franchise Fee	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
State Taxes	\$ 35,717	\$ 22,469		\$ 22,469
Federal Income Tax	\$ 101,311	\$ 48,060		\$ 48,060
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	\$ 607,948	\$ 623,478		\$ 623,479
NET REVENUE	\$ 201,410	\$ 174,117		\$ 192,731
RATE BASE				
Plant	\$ 3,763,084	\$ 3,877,798		\$ 3,877,798
Accumulated Depreciation	\$ 1,350,824	\$ 1,159,904		\$ 1,159,904
NET PLANT	\$ 2,412,260	\$ 2,717,894		\$ 2,717,894
Less: Advances	\$ -	\$ 233,268		\$ 233,268
Contributions	\$ 526,562	\$ 442,906		\$ 442,906
Plus: Working Cash	\$ 32,155	\$ 38,272		\$ 38,272
Materials & Supplies	\$ 2,000	\$ 10,500		\$ 10,500
Const. Work In Progress	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
RATE BASE	\$ 1,919,853	\$ 2,323,760		\$ 2,323,760
RATE OF RETURN	10.49%	7.49%		8.29%

Weimar Water Company, Inc.
2019 CPI-U

SCHEDULE NO. 1 GENERAL METERED SERVICE

RATES:

Monthly Quantity Rate:	Current	Increased
All water used per 100 cubic feet	\$ 2.56	\$ 2.62

Service Charge:

5/8 x 3/4 inch meter	\$ 62.34	\$ 63.77
3/4 inch meter	\$ 93.52	\$ 95.67
1-inch meter	\$ 155.86	\$ 159.44
1 1/2-inch meter	\$ 311.72	\$ 318.89
2-in meter	\$ 498.75	\$ 510.22
3-in meter	\$ 935.16	\$ 956.67
4-in meter	\$ 1,558.60	\$ 1,594.45

SCHEDULE NO. 2R-TH MONTHLY FLAT RATE SERVICE

Service Charge:	Current	Increased
Per untreated surface water connection	\$ 13.89	\$ 14.21