

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

Advice Letter Cover Sheet

Utility Name: Sierra Park Water Company

Date Mailed to Service List: Apr. 3, 2020

CPUC Utility #: WTD 440

Protest Deadline (20th Day): Apr. 23, 2020

Advice Letter #: 7-W

Review Deadline (30th Day): May 4, 2020

Tier 1 2 3 Compliance

Requested Effective Date: May 29, 2020

Authorization Dec. 16-01-047; GO 96-B

Rate Impact:

Description: Amortize the Legal Expense Memorandum
Acct. and Engineering Consultant Surcharge
Memorandum Acct.

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

WITHDRAWN

REJECTED

Signature: _____

Comments: _____

Date: _____

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April 3, 2020

Advice Letter No. 7-W

TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Sierra Park Water Company, Inc. (SIERRA 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>
101-W	Schedule No. 1A, General Metered Service	74-W
102-W	Schedule No. 2R, Residential Flat Rate Service	75-W
103-W	Table of Contents	100-W

REQUEST

By AL #7-W, SIERRA PARK requests authority to amortize the balances previously recorded in the Legal Expense Memorandum Account (LEMA) and the Engineering Consultant Surcharge Memorandum Account (ECSMA).

SIERRA PARK also requests authority to establish the Legal Expense Balancing Account (LEBA) and Engineering Consultant Surcharge Balancing Account (ECSBA) to track the recovery of the balances of the memorandum accounts.

The LEMA has a total balance of \$58,050.65. This amount is equal to 20.3% of adopted gross annual revenues of the most recent general rate case, test year 2019, Resolution W-5204, November 7, 2019. The utility requests a surcharge of \$21.09 for each connection every quarter for 2 years to amortize the LEMA balance.

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The ECSMA has a total balance of \$77,410.05. This amount is equal to 27.0% of adopted gross annual revenues. The utility requests a surcharge of \$25.73 for each connection every quarter for 2 years to amortize the ECSMA balance.

BACKGROUND

SIERRA PARK's LEMA was established to record and track all legal expenses to comply with Ordering Paragraphs Nos. 1 and 2 of Decision 16-01-047 incurred by SIERRA PARK in securing a the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) from the California Public Utilities Commission and the transfer of assets from the Odd Fellows Sierra Recreation Association to SIERRA PARK. The firm of Downey Brand, attorneys, was engaged by the utility to advise it to comply with the Decision. SIERRA PARK needed additional legal representation in a petition to modify Decision 16-10-047 filed by certain complainants. The Commission's Decision 16-11-007 denied the petition to modify. Invoices for the legal services are enclosed. A total of \$58,050.65 had been recorded in the utility's LEMA.

SIERRA PARK's ECSMA was established to track and record the cost of engaging an engineer to perform studies required in Section 5.1.3 in D16-01-047. In Ordering Paragraph No.4 of D16-01-047, SIERRA PARK can recover the cost of the engineering consultant studies through a surcharge. SIERRA PARK engaged Black Water Consulting Engineers to perform the required system studies in D16-10-047, The initial engineering study addressed the capital improvements that SIERRA PARK needed to do to bring the utility to current residential standards. Engineering studies also included capital projects needed to address the manganese contamination issues cited in the State Water Boards' Enforcement Letter No. 03-11-15E-051 on March 24, 2015. Invoices for the system study and capital improvements evaluations are enclosed. The balance of the ECSMA is \$77,410.05.

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TIER DESIGNATION AND REQUESTED EFFECTIVE DATE

These tariffs are submitted pursuant to General Order (GO.) 96-B and this advice letter is designated as a Tier 3 filing. This advice letter and the enclosed tariff sheets will become effective upon approval by the Water Division (WD).

NOTICE

In compliance with Section 4.3 of GO. 96-B, a copy of this advice letter has been served to all parties listed on the enclosed service list.

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

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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 WD within 20 days of the date this advice letter is filed. The addresses for submitting a response or protest are:

Mailing Address:

California Public Utilities
Commission
Water Division, 3rd Floor
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

Email Address:

Water.Division@cpuc.ca.gov

On the same day the response or protest is submitted to WD, the respondent or protestant shall send a copy of the protest to SIERRA PARK at:

Mailing Address:

SIERRA PARK Water Company, Inc.
Attn: Bill Ordwein
PO BOX 424
Miwuk Village, CA 95346

Email Address:

bill.ordwein@yahoo.com

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.

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REPLIES

The utility shall reply to each protest and may reply to any response. Each reply must be received by WD 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.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the service list from Advice Letter #7-W has been served a copy of this AL on April 3, 2020.

Executed in Miwuk Village, California on April 3, 2020

SIERRA PARK Water
Company

By: /S/ LAEL POTTER

Lael Potter
Compliance
Administrator

Enclosures

SCHEDULE NO. 1

GENERAL METERED SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all metered water service.

TERRITORY

The area northeast of Sierra Village, off of Highway 108 in Tuolumne County.

RATES

Quantity Rate:

For all water, per 100 cu. ft. \$4.84

Service Charges:

Per Meter Per Quarter

For 5/8 x 3/4- inch meter \$ 180.42

For 3/4-inch meter \$ 270.62

For 1 -inch meter \$ 451.04

For 1-1/2-inch meter \$ 902.08

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 Rates billed **quarterly**. (C)

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. All bills are subject to the reimbursement fee set forth above in Schedule No. UF.
2. A \$21.09 quarterly surcharge shall be applied to each customer's water bill to amortize the Legal Expense Balancing Account for eight (8) quarters or until \$58,050.65 have been collected. The surcharge shall be separately identified on each bill. (N)
3. A \$25.73 quarterly surcharge shall be applied to each customer's water bill to amortize the Engineering Consultant Surcharge Balancing Account for eight (8) quarters or until \$70,810.05 have been collected. The surcharge shall be separately identified on each bill. (N)

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SCHEDULE NO. 2R
RESIDENTIAL FLAT RATE SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

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

TERRITORY

The area northeast of Sierra Village, off Highway 108 in Tuolumne County.

RATES

Service Charge:

Per Service Connection
Per Quarter

For a single-family residential unit and unimproved vacant lots:

For Fiscal Year 2019

\$185.93

For Fiscal Year 2020

\$225.69

For discontinuing service for merged lots:

\$473.00

The above does not include any applicable government recording fees which are the responsibility of the owner.

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¹ GO. 96-B, Water Industry Rule 4.1.

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