

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

Advice Letter Cover Sheet

Utility Name: [Yerba Buena Water Company](#)

Dated Mailed to Service List: [11/24/2020](#)

District: [N/A](#)

CPUC Utility #: [WTD-323](#)

Protest Deadline (20th Day): [12/14/2020](#)

Advice Letter #: [55](#)

Review Deadline (30th Day): [12/24/2020](#)

Tier: 1 2 3 Compliance

Requested Effective Date: [ASAP](#)

Authorization: [D.92-03-093](#)

Rate Impact: \$ [8,800](#)
[2.3%](#)

Description: [2019 CPI-U \(2.3%\)](#)

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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>STAFF</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

APPROVED

WITHDRAWN

REJECTED

Signature: _____ Comments: _____

Date: _____

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November 24, 2020

Advice Letter No.: 55

TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Yerba Buena Water Company (WTD-323) 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>
356-W	Schedule No. 1, Metered Service	332-W
357-W	Table of Contents	355-W

REQUEST

By AL 55, Yerba Buena Water Company 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 \$8,800 will not result in a rate of return which exceeds the authorized rate of return. Workpapers justifying this increase are enclosed.

BACKGROUND

The present rates became effective on December 27, 2019, with Advice Letter No. 52 pursuant to D.92-03-093 (2018 CPI)

The last general rate increase became effective on November 10, 2016, pursuant to Resolution W-5118, which authorized a general rate increase of \$85,376 or 22.75%.

AL 55 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.

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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 55 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 serviced 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 omission;
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. DWA must receive a response or protest via email (or postal mail) within 20 days of the date this 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 DWA, the respondent or protestant shall send a copy of the protest to the utility at:

Email Address:

rberry34@aol.com

Mailing Address:

[Yerba Buena Water Company](#)
P.O. Box 3829
Paso Robles, CA 93447

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

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By: /s/ Robert Berry

Robert M. Berry
President

⁶ GO. 96-B, General Rule 7.4.3

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Malibu Office
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Malibu, CA 90265

California American Water Company
Ventura County District
2439 West Hillcrest
Newbury Park, CA 91320

I hereby certify that the above service list has been served a copy of AL 55 on 11/24/2020.

Executed in Paso Robles, California on 11/24/2020.

Yerba Buena Water Company

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Robert M. Berry
President

Schedule No. 1
METERED SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

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

TERRITORY

In parts of Sections 26 and 27, T. 1S, R. 20W, S.B.B. & M., adjacent to the Pacific Ocean, Ventura County and designated Parcels 1 and 2 on the service area map.

RATES

Quantity Rates:

For all water used, per 100 cu. ft _____ \$ 2.254 (I)

Monthly Service Charges:

Total Rate
Per
Meter/Mo

For	3/4-inch meter	_____	\$ 49.27 (I)
For	1-inch meter	_____	123.15 (I)
For	1-1/2-inch meter	_____	246.30 (I)
For	2-inch meter	_____	394.06 (I)
For	3-inch meter	_____	738.87 (I)
For	4-inch meter	_____	1,231.44 (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 charge computed at the Quantity Rate.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

(1) All bills are subject to the reimbursement fee set forth in Schedule No. UF.

(To be inserted by utility)

Issued By

(To be inserted by Cal P.U.C.)

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Robert M. Berry
Name

Date Filed _____

Decision No. D. 92-03-093

President
Title

Effective _____

Resolution No. _____

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The following listed tariff sheets contain all effective rates and rules affecting the charges and service of the utility, together with other pertinent information.

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YERBA BUENA WATER COMPANY
ATTACHMENT TO ADVICE LETTER 55
SUMMARY OF EARNINGS
2019

	(A)	(B)	(C) = (A) * 0.023%	(D) = (B) + (C)
CATEGORY	ADOPTED W-5118	(PER ANN RPT) ACTUAL 2019	CPI INCREASE @ 2.3%	AFTER INCREASED REVENUES
Operating Revenues:				
Metered	382,600	359,943	8,800	368,743
Other Revenue	-	715	-	715
Total Operating Revenue	382,600	360,658	8,800	369,458
Operating Expenses:				
Purchased Water	-	-	-	-
Power	20,829	16,908	-	16,908
Other Volume Related Expenses	13,974	3,572	-	3,572
Employee Labor	15,000	69,500	-	69,500
Materials	3,520	286	-	286
Contract Work	65,310	44,496	-	44,496
Transportation Expense	5,030	6,382	-	6,382
Other Plant Maintenance	21,271	141,056	-	141,056
Office Salaries	11,639	11,900	-	11,900
Management Salaries	43,200	54,000	-	54,000
Employee Pensions & Benefits	-	-	-	-
Uncollectible Accounts Expense	-	-	-	-
Office Services & Rentals	9,206	12,601	-	12,601
Office Supplies & Expense	13,642	15,278	-	15,278
Professional Services	19,000	8,554	-	8,554
Insurance	4,689	6,296	-	6,296
Regulatory Commission Expense	5,000	4,554	-	4,554
General Expenses	999	689	-	689
Expenses Capitalized	-	-	-	-
Total Operating Expenses	252,309	396,072	-	396,072
Other Deductions:				
Depreciation	26,575	23,631	-	23,631
Taxes Other Than Income	12,906	12,233	-	12,233
Bad Debts	-	-	-	-
Penalties	-	-	-	-
Total Operating Expenses & Other Deductions	291,790	431,936	-	431,936
Net Income Before Taxes	90,810	(71,278)	-	(62,478)
State Income Tax	8,028	800	-	(5,523)
Federal Income Tax	16,396	-	-	(31,115)
Net Revenue	66,386	(72,078)	-	(25,840)
Rate Base	560,265			494,024
Rate of Return (on Rate Base)				-5.23%
Rate of Margin	22.75%			-16.91%

PASS

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Based on adopted revenues

YERBA BUENA WATER COMPANY
 CPI INCREASE IN RATES
 ADVICE LETTER NO. 55
 2019

In Dollars

DESCRIPTION	CURRENT RATES (AL 52)	INCREASE OF 2.3%	PROPOSED RATES
Metered Service:			
Service Charge: (per month)			
3/4 " Meter	48.16	1.11	49.27
1 " Meter	120.38	2.77	123.15
1 1/2 " Meter	240.76	5.54	246.30
2 " Meter	385.20	8.86	394.06
3 " Meter	722.26	16.61	738.87
4 " Meter	1,203.75	27.69	1,231.44
Quantity Rate :			
All water used per 100 cubic feet	2.2030	0.0507	2.2537

YERBA BUENA WATER COMPANY
ATTACHMENT TO AL NO 55
ESTIMATE OF RATE BASE
2019

DESCRIPTION	SOURCE	RATE BASE BEG	RATE BASE END	AVG RATE BASE
Utility Plant	PUC rpt, Sch A1	1,392,374	1,524,191	1,458,283
Accumulated Depreciation	PUC rpt, Sch A2	(704,746)	(741,146)	(722,946)
Net Utility Plant		687,628	783,045	735,337
Materials & Supplies	PUC rpt, Sch A	-	-	-
Working Cash	W-5118 SOE	21,026	21,026	21,026
Advances for Construction	PUC rpt, Sch A	-	-	-
Net Contributions in Aid of Construction	PUC rpt, Sch A	(186,510)	(338,167)	(262,339)
		-	-	-
RATE BASE		522,144	465,904	494,024