

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

**Advice Letter Cover Sheet**

**Utility Name:** Big Basin Sanitation Company

**Date Mailed to Service List:** Apr. 13, 2020

**CPUC Utility #:** SWR 157

**Protest Deadline (20<sup>th</sup> Day):** May 4, 2020

**Advice Letter #:** 18-S

**Review Deadline (30<sup>th</sup> Day):** May 14, 2020

**Tier**     1     2     3     Compliance

**Requested Effective Date:** Apr. 13, 2020

**Authorization** D.92-03-093

**Rate Impact:** \$920  
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.

**Utility Contact:** Jim Moore

**Utility Contact 2:**

**Phone:** (831) 338-2933

**Phone 2:**

**Email:** bbwater197@yahoo.com

**Email 2:**

**DWA Contact:** Tariff Unit

**Phone:** (415) 703-1133

**Email:** [Water.Division@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:Water.Division@cpuc.ca.gov)

**DWA USE ONLY**

DATE

STAFF

COMMENTS

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APPROVED

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**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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# BIG BASIN SANITATION COMPANY

P.O. Box 197, Boulder Creek, CA 95006

Telephone (831) 338-2645

April 13, 2018

Advice Letter No. 18-S

TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

BIG BASIN Sanitation Company (BIG BASIN) 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>
52-SS	Schedule No. 1, General Residential Service	39-SS
53-SS	Table of Contents	51-SS

## REQUEST

By AL 18-S, BIG BASIN 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 \$920 will not result in a rate of margin which exceeds the authorized rate of margin of 21.28%. Work papers justifying this increase are enclosed.

## BACKGROUND

The present rates became effective on May 26, 2016, pursuant to Resolution W-5097, which authorized a general rate increase of \$3,254, or 8.87%, and a rate of margin of 21.28%.

AL #18-S 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 #18-S is designated as a Tier 1 AL and the enclosed tariff sheets will become effective upon filing.<sup>1</sup>

## NOTICE

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<sup>1</sup> GO. 96-B, Water Industry Rule 7.3.1

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This AL does not require notice;<sup>2</sup> 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.<sup>3</sup> A copy of this AL has been served to all parties listed on the service list<sup>4</sup> 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 PROTEST**<sup>5</sup>

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 DWA 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](mailto:Water.Division@cpuc.ca.gov)

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<sup>2</sup> GO. 96-B, General Rule 4.2

<sup>3</sup> GO. 96-B, General Rule 3.2

<sup>4</sup> GO. 96-B, Water Industry Rule 4.1

<sup>5</sup> GO. 96-B, General Rule 7.4.1

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On the same day the response or protest is submitted to DWA, the respondent or protestant shall send a copy of the protest to BIG BASIN at:

**Mailing Address:**

BIG BASIN Sanitation Company  
P.O. Box 197,  
Boulder Creek, CA 95006

**Email Address:**

[Bbwater197@yahoo.com](mailto:Bbwater197@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.

The utility shall reply to each protest and may reply to any response. Each 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 to the person who filed the protest or response.

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that the service list from this AL has been served a copy of this AL No. 18-S on April 13, 2020.

Executed in Boulder Creek, California on April 13, 2020.

Big Basin Sanitation  
Company

By: /S/ JIM MOORE

Jim Moore  
Manager

Enclosures

**SCHEDULE NO. 1**  
**GENERAL RESIDENTIAL SERVICE**

**APPLICABILITY**

Applicable to all residential sewer service.

**TERRITORY**

The area known as Big Basin Woods Subdivision, Tracts 410 and 450, located approximately 3 miles northeast of Boulder Creek on Big Basin Highway, in Santa Cruz County

**RATES**

	<u>Per Month</u>
All sewer connections	\$120.05

**SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

1. All bills are subject to the Reimbursement fee set forth in Schedule No. UF.

(To be inserted by utility)

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Decision No. 92-03-093

*Issued By*

***Jim Moore***

***Manager***

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

Date Filed \_\_\_\_\_

Effective \_\_\_\_\_

Resolution No. W-4493

**TABLE OF CONTENTS**

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

**SUBJECT MATTER OF SHEET**

**P.U.C. SHEET NO.**

Title Page	22-SS	
Table of Contents	<b>53-SS</b> , 49-SS	(T)
Preliminary Statements	23-SS – 25-SS	
Service Area Map	3-SS	
<b>Rate Schedules:</b>		
Schedule No. 1 – General Residential Service	<b>52-SS</b>	(I)
Schedule No. UF – Surcharge to Fund CPUC	37-SS	
Reimbursement Fee		
<b>Rules:</b>		
No. 5 - Special Information Required on Forms	41-SS – 44-SS	
No. 10 - Disputed Bills	45-SS	

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**Big Basin Sanitation Co.  
Summary of Earnings  
Earnings Test Calculations**

Category	Most Recent Adopted in Resolution W-5097 5-26-16 a	Actual 2019 b	CPI Increase @.7% on Adopted Revenue Only c=a*2.3%	Revenue After CPI Increase, & Actual Expenses, & Actual Rate Base (Revenues) d=b + c
<b>Operatine Revenues:</b>				
Flat Rate	40,000	38,519	920	39,439
Metered	0	0	-	0
Private Fire Protection	0	0	-	0
<b>TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES</b>	<b>40,000</b>	<b>38,519</b>	<b>920</b>	<b>39,439</b>
<b>Operatine Expenses:</b>				
Purchased Water	-	-		-
Purchased Power	2,004	1,920		1,920
Purchased Chemicals	-	-		-
Other Volume Related Expenses	2,043	-		-
Employee Labor	3,126	3,870		3,870
Materials	325	340		340
Contract Work	2,393	13,920		13,920
Water Testing	-	-		-
Transportation Expense	940	1,534		1,534
Other Plant Maintenance	2,251	642		642
Office Salaries	2,104	2,281		2,281
Management Salaries	5,110	5,700		5,700
Emoloyee Pension and Benefits	3,069	546		546
Uncollectibles	474	210		210
Office Service and Rentals	181	370		370
Office Supplies and Expenses	352	295		295
Professional Services	387	1,248		1,248
Insurance	935	3,574		3,574
Regulatory Commission Expense	2,400	720		720
General Expenses	1,423	484		484
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>29,517</b>	<b>37,654</b>		<b>37,654</b>
Depreciation	213	390		390
Taxes Other than Income	1,224	2,140		2,140
State and Federal Income Taxes	2,037	57		57
Interest	-	-		-
<b>TOTAL DEDUCTIONS</b>	<b>32,991</b>	<b>40,241</b>		<b>40,241</b>
<b>NET REVENUE</b>	<b>7,009</b>	<b>(1,722)</b>		<b>(802)</b>
<b>RATE BASE</b>				
Average Plant	86,915	86,915		86,915
Less: Average Accumulated Depreciation	80,852	82,663		82,663
<b>NET PLANT</b>	<b>6,063</b>	<b>4,253</b>		<b>4,253</b>
Less: Advances & Contributions	-	-		-
Plus: Materials & Supplies	1,000	-		-
<b>RATE BASE</b>	<b>7,063</b>	<b>4,253</b>		<b>4,253</b>
<b>RATE OF MARGIN</b>	<b>21.28%</b>	<b>-4.32%</b>		<b>-1.99%</b>
<b>Earnings Test:</b>	<b>-1.99%</b>	<b>&lt;</b>	<b>21.28%</b>	

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**Service List**

**(AS PER SECTION 4.3 OF GENERAL ORDER No. 96-B)**

Via First Class United States Mail

CA Regional Water Quality Control  
Central Coast Region  
Monitoring and Reporting Section  
895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Santa Cruz County  
Public Works Department  
Sanitation Districts  
701 Ocean Street  
Santa Cruz, Ca 95060