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DATE; 5-29-20

Advice Letter #; 18W, 4135

TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

CALIFORNIA HOT SPRINGS WATER and SEWER Co. hereby transmits for Filing one original and one copy of this advice letter (AL) and the Following tariff sheets which are enclosed:

NEW SHEET #	TITLE	CANCELLING SHEET #
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	CP1-4 FOR 2019	
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REQUEST:

2.3 % INCREASE TO 3-23-19  
FILING

BACKGROUND:

P.U.C. MEMO DATED 2-5-20  
COPY ENCLOSED

TIER DESIGNATION AND REQUESTED EFFECTIVE DATE:

EFFECTIVE WITH INVOICES  
@ APRIL 30 METER READINGS

CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

WATER DIVISION

Advice Letter Cover sheet

Utility Name: CALIFORNIA HOT SPRINGS  
WATER and SEWER Co.

Date Mailed to Service List: .  
*NOT REQUIRED.*  
*NOTICE WITH APRIL INVOICE*

District:

Protest Deadline (20 day)

CPUC Utility #. 240

*NA*

Advice Letter #: *18W & 13S*

Review Deadline (30 day)

*NA*

Tier: *1*

Requested Effective Date:

*5-1-20*

Authorization:

Rate Impact: *2.3 %*

Description: *CPI-U FOR 2019*

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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Utility Contact: Ronald W. Gilbert

Phone: 661-548-6582

WD Contact: Tariff Unit

Phone: 415-703-1133

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

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

505 VAN NESS AVENUE

SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94102-3298



February 5, 2020

TO ALL CLASS B, C, AND D WATER AND SEWER UTILITIES

Subject: Rate Adjustment due to CPI-U for 2019

On March 31, 1992, the Commission issued Decision 92-03-093, authorizing Class C and D water utilities to file each year by advice letter for a rate increase based on the most recent year-end increase in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U).<sup>1</sup> Subsequent resolutions (Res.) W-4493<sup>2</sup>, Res. W-4540<sup>3</sup> and Res. W-4658<sup>4</sup>, authorized sewer and Class B water utilities to file a CPI-U advice letter each year.

**The CPI-U for 2019 is 2.3%.**

Any Class B, C, and D water utility, and sewer utility, that is presently earning a lower rate of return (ROR) than its most recently authorized and is not presently subject to a test year, attrition year, or other general rate increase, is authorized to file for a CPI-U increase once each year, by advice letter. If your utility missed filing a CPI-U for one year, it **may not file retroactively** for that CPI-U in the following year.

Please follow the Summary of Earnings (SOE) format shown in Attachment 1 to determine your authorized and actual ROR. You would then compare these RORs to determine if the actual is less than or greater than authorized (see excerpt from Standard Practice U-27-W in Attachment 4).

Please file an advice letter (in accordance with General Order 96-B) requesting a CPI-U adjustment, **only** if the ROR based on actual revenues **does not** exceed the authorized ROR and if the projected revenue (with the CPI-U) **does not exceed** the authorized ROR. Please follow the following procedures when filing:

1. File an advice letter similar to that shown in Attachment 2.
2. Please also include a Cover Sheet (Attachment 3) to your advice letter, and the Service List from your last General Rate Case, with your CPI-U request.
3. Please provide a copy of your 2019 Annual Report which is required to be filed by March 31, 2020.
4. If a utility has been authorized a Rate of Margin (ROM) instead of a Rate of Return, please substitute that measure when comparing Authorized versus Actual Revenues.
  - a. Actual ROM =  $1 - (\text{Operating Expenses} / \text{Operating Revenues})$ .

<sup>1</sup> Announced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

<sup>2</sup> September 2, 2004.

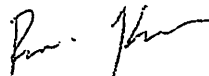
<sup>3</sup> June 16, 2005.

<sup>4</sup> September 20, 2007.

5. Notice of a CPI-U request is no longer required under General Order 96-B. Utilities are now required to inform their customers of the CPI-U request via a bill insert with the first bill that contains the increase.<sup>4</sup>
6. Provide copies of the revised tariff schedules to reflect the increase that you are requesting (see Attachment 4 for examples).
7. Increase each rate, including facilities fees, by 1.9%, the CPI-U for 2018.
8. Provide a copy of the SOE in which you calculate the authorized versus actual RORs or ROMs, utilizing the following actual data:
  - a. Actual Revenues for 2018
  - b. Estimate of increased revenues (add the 1.9% CPI-U inflation to actual revenues for 2018).
  - c. Actual Expenses for 2018. Provide actual individual expenses for 2018, based on the line item accounts as they appear in your last General Rate Case (GRC) Summary of Earnings.
  - d. Estimate of Rate Base equals (beginning of year rate base plus end of year rate base)/2.
9. Adjust all base rates (not surcharges and not reconnection fees, etc.) by multiplying by 1.019. Do not increase some base rates and not increase others.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ramon Go at [rhg@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:rhg@cpuc.ca.gov) or (415) 703-1350.

Sincerely,



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Rami Kahlon, Director  
Water Division

Attachments

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<sup>4</sup>Resolution W-4664. Ordering Paragraph 3. "Utilities shall inform their customers of the increase in dollar and percentage terms by bill insert in the first bill that includes the increase."

# PROPOSED RESOLUTION

Resolution W-5098  
WD

July 14, 2016

## APPENDIX B (Page 1/4) CALIFORNIA HOT SPRINGS WATER AND SEWER COMPANY

### Schedule No. 1

### GENERAL METERED SERVICE

#### APPLICABILITY

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

#### TERRITORY

This schedule is applicable within the entire territory served by the utility.

#### RATES

##### Quantity Rate:

For all water, per 100 cubic feet

$$\# 3.53 + 2.3\% = 3.61$$

##### Service Charge:

Per meter per month

For 5/8x3/4-inch meter

For 3/4-inch meter

For 1-inch meter

$$39.04 + 2.3\% = 39.94$$

The Service Charge is a readiness-to-serve charge, which is applicable to all metered services, and to which is to be added to the monthly charge computed at the Quantity Rates.

#### SPECIAL CONDITIONS

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

(cont.)

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**Resolution W-5098  
WD**

**July 14, 2016**

**APPENDIX B (Page 2/4)  
CALIFORNIA HOT SPRINGS WATER AND SEWER COMPANY**

**Schedule No. 1**

**GENERAL RESIDENTIAL SERVICE**

**APPLICABILITY**

Applicable to General Residential Sewer Service.

**TERRITORY**

This schedule is applicable within the entire territory served by the utility.

**RATES**

For a single family residence

Per Service Connection  
Per Month

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$\$ 57.27 + 2.3\% = 58.55$

**SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

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

(cont.)

UTILITY NAME: CALIFORNIA HOT SPRINGS  
WATER and SEWER Co.

P.U.C. Sheet No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Cancelling \_\_\_\_\_

County Tulare

Schedule No.

APPLICABILITY

This surcharge applies to all water and sewer bills rendered under all tariff rate schedules by the Commission, with the exception of resale rate schedule where the customer is a public utility.

TERRITORY

This schedule is applicable within the entire territory Served by the utility.

RATES

AS PER RESOLUTION W-5098 WD

	2018	2019
3/4" METER	38.31 + 1.9% = 39.04	+ 2.3% = 39.94
QUANTITY	3.46 + 1.9% = 3.53	+ 2.3% = 3.61
SEWER	56.16 + 1.9% = 57.23	+ 2.3% = 58.55

ADVICE LETTER NO. 18WY135 issued by:

Date Filed 5-29-20

Decision No. \_\_\_\_\_

Effective \_\_\_\_\_

title \_\_\_\_\_

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_

remit to: California Hot Springs  
 Water Company  
 P. O. Box 146  
 Cal. Hot Springs, CA 93207

client: \_\_\_\_\_

cabin no. \_\_\_\_\_ billing period \_\_\_\_\_

new meter reading \_\_\_\_\_  
 previous meter reading \_\_\_\_\_  
 gallons used \_\_\_\_\_  
 cu. ft. used (gal/7.48) \_\_\_\_\_  
 metered water cost (cu.ft./100x 3.61) \_\_\_\_\_  
 bimonthly water chg. (39.94/monx2mon) \_\_\_\_\_  
 bimonthly sewer chg. (58.55/monx2mon) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Public Utilities Comm. Tax \_\_\_\_\_  
**TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_

THIS BILL IS DUE AND PAYABLE UPON DATE OF PRESENTATION. IT WILL BECOME PAST DUE IF NOT PAID WITHIN 19 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF MAILING. SHOULD THE AMOUNT OF THIS BILL BE QUESTIONED, AN EXPLANATION SHOULD BE REQUESTED FROM THE UTILITY. IF AN EXPLANATION SATISFACTORY TO THE CUSTOMER IS NOT MADE BY THE UTILITY AND THE BILL IS STILL QUESTIONED, THE CUSTOMER MAY DISPUTE WITH THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION, CONSUMER AFFAIRS BRANCH AT 505 VAN NESS AVE. RM 2003, SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94102. TELEPHONE 415-703-1170 AND (HEARING IMPAIRED TDD) 415-703-2003. THE AMOUNT OF THE BILL TO AVOID DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE. MAKE REMITTANCE PAYABLE TO "CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION" AND ATTACH THE BILL AND A STATEMENT SETTING FORTH THE BASIS FOR THE DISPUTE OF THE AMOUNT OF THE BILL. THE COMMISSION WILL REVIEW THE BASIS OF THE BILL AMOUNT AND DISBURSE THE DEPOSIT IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS FINDINGS.

Attachment B: Required New Language

If you believe there is an error on your bill or have a question about your service, please call California Hot Springs Water Serv. customer support at (661) 548-6582.

If you are not satisfied with California Hot Springs Water Serv.'s response, submit a complaint to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) by visiting <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/complaints/>. Billing and service complaints are handled by the CPUC's Consumer Affairs Branch (CAB), which can be reached by the following means if you prefer not to submit your complaint online:

Telephone 1-800-649-7570 (8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday)  
 Mail California Public Utilities Commission, Consumer Affairs Branch,  
 505 Van Ness Avenue, Room 2003, San Francisco, CA 94102

If you have limitations hearing or speaking, dial 711 to reach the California Relay Service, which is for those needing direct assistance relaying telephone conversations, as well their friends, family, and business contacts. If you prefer having your calls immediately answered in your mode of communication, dial one of the toll-free language-specific numbers below to be routed to the California Relay Service provider.

Type of Call	Language	Toll-free 800 Number
TTY/VCO/HCO to Voice	English	1-800-735-2929
	Spanish	1-800-855-3000
Voice to TTY/VCO/HCO	English	1-800-735-2922
	Spanish	1-800-855-3000
From or to Speech-to-Speech	English &	1-800-854-7784
	Spanish	

To avoid having service turned off while you wait for the outcome of a complaint to the CPUC specifically regarding the accuracy of your bill, please contact CAB for assistance. If your case meets the eligibility criteria, CAB will provide you with instructions on how to mail a check or money order to be impounded pending resolution of your case. You must continue to pay your current charges while your complaint is under review to keep your service turned on.

INVOICE SHEET "BACK"



UTILITY NAME; CALIFORNIA HOT SPRINGS  
WATER and SEWER Co.

P.U.C.Sheet No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Cancelling \_\_\_\_\_

County: Tulare

TABLE OF CONTENTS

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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(To be inserted by utility)

Issued By:

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

Advice Letter No. 18W 4 13 S

Date Filed 5-29-20

Decision No. \_\_\_\_\_

Owner

Effective \_\_\_\_\_

(Title)

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_

CALIFORNIA HOT SPRINGS WATER and SEWER Co. Service list.

3-22-2019

~~Balcomb, Frances  
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Calif. Hot Springs, Ca. 93207~~

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Laguna Hills, Ca.,92653

Brown, Dan  
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Ca. Hot Springs, Ca. 93207

Brown, Mindy  
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Ca. Hot Springs, Ca. 93207

Capineros  
P. O. Box 35  
Ca. Hot Springs, Ca. 93207

Couture, Celina  
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Ca. Hot Springs, Ca. 93207

Curti-Harper  
2461 Dover Canyon Dr.  
Tulare, Ca. 93274

Duda, Jeff  
2716 Alvarado Drive  
Bellingham, Wa. 98299

Fellinger, Ernie  
530 N. Howard St.  
Glendale, Ca. 91206

Faria, Ron  
22995 Road 140  
Tulare, Ca. 93271

Garrett, Darin  
1279 W. Henderson Ave.  
PMB # 297  
Porterville, Ca. 93257

Hackett, Raymond  
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Ca. Hot Springs, Ca. 93207

Housholder, Bonnie  
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Canby, Or. 97013-6701

Kim, Peter  
13650 Del Monte Dr. # 36C  
Seal Beach, Ca. 90740

McFate, Chuck  
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Sunland, Ca. 91040-2650

Peyton, Frances  
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Sanger, Ca. 93657

Ponzio, Lisa  
1760-F, Airline Hwy  
PMB # 101  
Hollister, Ca. 95023

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Rio Rancho, Nm. 87124

Stevens, Joellen  
3894 N. Lookout Canyon Rd.  
Kingman, Az. 86401

Stevens, Edwarda  
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Porterville, Ca. 93257

Suehiro, Lloyd  
1707 S. Corning St.  
Los Angeles, Ca.90035

Tanner, Diane  
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Tulare, Ca, 93274

U. S. Post Office  
Ca. Hot Springs, Ca. 93207

Yoon, Sueng Min  
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Rowland Heights, Ca, 91748

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5805 BUTTE WAY  
BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309

Received \_\_\_\_\_  
Examined \_\_\_\_\_

CLASS D  
WATER UTILITIES  
AND  
SEWER  
UTILITIES

U# \_\_\_\_\_

2019  
ANNUAL REPORT  
OF

CALIFORNIA HOT SPRINGS WATER & SEWER CO.

(NAME UNDER WHICH CORPORATION, PARTNERSHIP, OR INDIVIDUAL IS DOING BUSINESS)

P.O. Box 146

CALIF. HOT SPRINGS CA. 93207

(OFFICIAL MAILING ADDRESS)

ZIP

TO THE  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019

REPORT MUST BE FILED NO LATER THAN MARCH 31, 2020

**SCHEDULE B-1**  
**Account 400 - Operating Revenues**

Line No.	Acct. No.	Account (a)	Amount Current Year (b)
1		<i>SEWER AND</i> <b>WATER SERVICE REVENUES</b>	
2	460	Unmetered water revenue	
3		460.1 Residential, Single-family, Multiple Dwelling Units	
4		460.2 Commercial and Miscellaneous	
5		460.3 Large Water Users	
6		460.4 Safe Drinking Water Bond Surcharge	
7		460.5 Other Unmetered Revenue	
8		Subtotal	\$ -
9			
10	462	Fire protection and hydrant revenue	
11		462.1 Public Fire Protection	
12		462.2 Private Fire Protection	
13		Subtotal	\$ <del>0</del> -
14			
15	465	Irrigation revenue	
16			
17	470	Metered water revenue	
18		470.1 Residential, Single-family, Multiple Dwelling Units	31181
19		470.2 Commercial and Multi-residential Master Metered	
20		470.3 Large Water Users	
21		470.4 Safe Drinking Water Bond Surcharge	
22		470.5 Other Metered Revenues	
23		Subtotal	\$ -
24		Total water service revenues <i>+ SEWER</i>	\$ 31181 -
25			
26	480	Other water revenue	
27		Total Operating Revenues	\$ 31181 -

**SCHEDULE B-2**  
**Account 401 - Operating Expenses**

Line No.	Acct. No.	Account (a)	Amount Current Year (b)
1		<b>PLANT OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE EXPENSES</b>	
2		<b>VOLUME RELATED EXPENSES</b>	
3	610	Purchased Water	14400
4	615	Power	3561
5	618	Other Volume Related Expenses	465
6		Total volume related expenses	\$ 18426 -
7			
8		<b>NON-VOLUME RELATED EXPENSES</b>	
9	630	Employee Labor	-
10	640	Materials	4376
11	650	Contract Work	
12	660	Transportation Expense	3176
13	664	Other Plant Maintenance Expenses	
14		Total non-volume related expenses	\$ -
15		Total plant operation and maintenance exp.	\$ 7552 -
16			
17		<b>ADMINISTRATIVE AND GENERAL EXPENSES</b>	
18	670	Office Salaries	-
19	671	Management Salaries	-
20	674	Employee Pensions and Benefits	
21	676	Uncollectible Accounts Expense	
22	678	Office Services and Rentals	
23	681	Office Supplies and Expenses	1840
24	682	Professional Services	2113
25	684	Insurance	1690
26	688	Regulatory Compliance Expense	12750
27	689	General Expenses	
28		Total administrative and general expenses	\$ 18393 -
29	800	Expenses Capitalized - Credit (Optional)	
30	900	Clearing Accounts (Optional)	
31		Net administrative and general expense	\$ -
32		Total Operating Expenses	\$ 44371 -