

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

**Advice Letter Cover Sheet**

**Utility Name:** CA Utilities (SWR) **Date Mailed to Service List:** 09/01/20  
**District:** n/a  
**CPUC Utility #:** SWR 418 **Protest Deadline (20<sup>th</sup> Day):** 09/20/20  
**Advice Letter #:** 78 **Review Deadline (30<sup>th</sup> Day):** 09/30/20  
**Tier**  1  2  3  Compliance **Requested Effective Date:** 10/01/20  
**Authorization** Resolution M-4841 **Rate Impact:** \$-0-  
**Description:** Update to the Public Utilities Commission -0-%  
Reimbursement Fee

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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**Phone 2:**

**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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# CALIFORNIA UTILITIES SERVICE, INC.

A California Corporation

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September 1, 2020

ADVICE LETTER NO. 78  
CALIFORNIA UTILITIES SERVICE, INC (U 418-S)

TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

California Utilities Service, Inc. (CUS) hereby transmits for filing four copies each of the following tariff schedules, which are attached hereto:

<u>CPUC SHEET NO.</u>	<u>TITLE OF SHEET</u>	<u>CANCELING CPUC SHEET NO.</u>
369-SS	Schedule No. UF, Public Utilities Commission Reimbursement Fund	350-SS
370-SS	Table of Contents	368-SS

The present rates of California Utilities Service, Inc. became effective on March 27, 2020, pursuant to Advice Letter No. 76, which adopted a CPI-U offset of \$41,400 or 2.3%. The last general rate increase became effective on August 18, 2010 pursuant to Resolution No.W-4837, which authorized a general rate increase of \$723,777 or 88.4%, and a return based on a rate of margin of 21.7%.

## **Summary**

CUS is filing this Advice Letter in compliance with Resolution M-4841, which ordered a change in the Reimbursement Account User Fees, effective October 1, 2020, from 1.23% to 1.43%.

## **Background**

CUS is filing this Advice Letter in compliance with Resolution M-4841 ordering a change in the current Public Utilities Commission Utilities Reimbursement Account (PUCURA) user fees for all utilities regulated by the California Public Utilities Commission.

This filing is made under the provisions of General Order No. 96-B, Water Industry Rule 7.3.1(3).

This filing will not cause withdrawal of service nor conflict with any other schedule or rule.

## **Requested Effective Date:**

This filing is a Tier 1 advice letter per General Order 96-B, Water Industry Rule 7.3.1.(3). CUS respectfully requests an effective date of October 1, 2020 for Advice Letter No. 78.

**Notice:**

In compliance with Section 4.3 of General Order No. 96-B, a copy of this advice letter has been mailed to all parties listed on the enclosed service list.

**Protests and Responses:**

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 the Water Division within 20 days of the date this advice letter is filed. The address for mailing or delivering a protest is:

Tariff Unit, Water Division, 3rd floor  
California Public Utilities Commission  
505 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
[water\\_division@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:water_division@cpuc.ca.gov)

On the same date the response or protest is submitted to the Water Division, the respondent or protestant shall send a copy of the protest by mail or e-mail to us, addressed to:

California Utilities Service, Inc.  
249 Williams Road  
Salinas, CA 93905  
Fax: (831) 424-0611

Cities and counties that need Board of Supervisors or Board of Commissioners approval to protest should inform the Water Division, 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. Each reply must be received by the Division of Water and Audits 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.

California Utilities Service, Inc.

By:           /s/ Thomas R. Adcock            
Thomas R. Adcock  
President

Schedule No. UF

**SURCHARGE TO FUND  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
REIMBURSEMENT FUND**

**APPLICABILITY**

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

**TERRITORY**

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

**Rates**

A 1.43% surcharge shall be added to all customer bills.

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In 1982, the Legislature established the Public Utilities Commission Reimbursement Fee to be paid by utilities to fund their regulation by the Commission (Public Utilities (PU) Code Section 401-443.) The surcharge to recover the cost of that fee is ordered by the Commission under the authority granted by the PU Code Section 433.

(To be inserted by Utility)

Advice Letter No. 78

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

*Issued by*

Thomas R. Adcock

NAME

President

TITLE

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

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

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

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true copy via first class United States mail and via E-mail of the following document, California Utilities Service, Inc. Advice Letter No. 78, upon the California Public Utilities Commission as shown on the Service List attached hereto, a copy thereof properly addressed to each party. Additionally, I hereby certify that I have this day served a true copy via United States mail of the following document, California Utilities Service, Inc. Advice Letter No. 78, upon all additional parties as shown on the Service List attached hereto, a copy thereof properly addressed to each party.

Executed in Salinas, California, on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of September 2020.

                  /s/ Andrea Schmitz  
Andrea Schmitz, Executive Assistant

CALIFORNIA UTILITIES SERVICE, INC.  
ADVICE LETTER NO. 78  
SERVICE LIST  
(AS PER SECTION 7.2 OF GENERAL ORDER NO. 96-B)LIST

Via First Class United States Mail and Via  
E-mail:

Bruce DeBerry  
Water Division  
California Public Utilities Commission  
505 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
[water\\_division@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:water_division@cpuc.ca.gov)

Via United States Mail, w/out attachments:

California-American Water Company  
4701 Beloit Drive  
Sacramento, CA 95838-2434

County Clerk  
County Administrative Office  
168 West Alisal Street, 1st Floor  
Salinas, CA 93901