

CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION DIVISION OF WATER AND AUDITS

Advice Letter Cover Sheet

Utility Name: POINT ARENA WATER WORKS, INC.
District:
CPUC Utility #: WTD - 40
Advice Letter #: 93
Tier: 1 2 3 Compliance
Authorization: D. 92-03-093 et al
Description: Requests 2020 CPI Rate Increase of 1.4%

Date Mailed to Service List: 05/10/21
Protest Deadline (20th Day): 05/30/21
Review Deadline (30th Day): 06/09/21
Requested Effective Date: 05/10/21
Rate Impact: \$5,550
 1.4%

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>

APPROVED

WITHDRAWN

REJECTED

Signature: _____

Comments: _____

Date: _____

POINT ARENA WATER WORKS, INC.
Mendocino County

May 10, 2021

ADVICE LETTER No. 93

TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

POINT ARENA WATER WORKS, INC. (PAWW) hereby transmits for filing one original and one copy of Advice Letter No. 93.

CPUC <u>SHEET No.</u>	<u>TITLE OF SHEET</u>	CANCELING CPUC <u>SHEET No.</u>
456-W	Schedule No. 1 General Meter Service	425-W
457-W	Schedule F, Facilities Fees	363-W
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The present rates of PAWW became effective on June 11, 2019, through Advice Letter No. 86-A, in which the Commission approved the General Rate Case rates in compliance with Resolution W-5195.

These tariffs are submitted pursuant to Ordering Paragraph No. 1 of Decision No. 92-03-093, dated March 31, 1992, Ordering Paragraph No. 2 of Resolution (Res) W-4493, dated September 2, 2004, or Ordering Paragraph No. 1 of Res. W-4540, dated June 16, 2005. The decision and Resolutions authorize Class B, C and D water utilities and sewer utilities to file a request for a Consumer Price Index increase once a year by Advice Letter. The increased cost is to be passed on to the utility's customers in their quantity rate as well as service charge rates. The above referenced decisions and resolutions authorize PAWW to file the attached rate schedules and to concurrently withdraw and cancel its present schedules for such service.

PAWW respectfully requests permission to increase the present monthly rates by \$5,550 or 1.4% for year 2020. Work papers justifying this rate increase have been provided to the CPUC Division of Water and Audits staff.

This filing is made under the provisions of General Order No. 96-B.

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

Requested Effective Date

Advice Letter No. 93 is a Tier 1 advice letter. PAWW respectfully requests that Advice Letter No. 93 have an approval date of May 10, 2021.

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. In conformance with Ordering Paragraph No. 3 of Resolution No. W-4664, PAWW will provide notice to its customers of the increase in dollar and percentage terms with the first bill that includes the increase.

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
- (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
E-Mail: water_division@cpuc.ca.gov

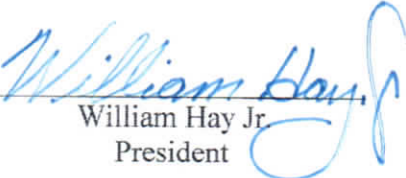
On the same day the response or protest is submitted to the Water Division, the respondent or protestant shall send a copy of the protest by mail or e-mail to us, addressed to:

Point Arena Water Works
P.O. Box 205
Point Arena, CA 95468
Fax No. (707) 882-3258

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.

Point Arena Water Works, Inc.

By 
William Hay Jr.
President

Attachments

Schedule No. 1

GENERAL METERED SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all metered water service

TERRITORY

The City of Point Arena and vicinity and Whiskey Shoals Subdivision Unit
Nos. 1, 2 & 3, Mendocino County.

RATES

Quantity rates:

All water, per 100 cu. ft. \$ 14.53 (I)

Service charge:

	Per Meter Per Month	
For 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter.....	\$ 59.27	(I)
For 3/4-inch meter.....	88.90	
For 1-inch meter.....	148.16	
For 1 1/2-inch meter.....	296.32	
For 2-inch meter.....	474.12	
For 3-inch meter.....	888.95	
For 4-inch meter.....	1,481.60	
For 6-inch meter.....	1,481.60	(I)

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

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. In addition to the above rates and charges rendered to all bills under this Schedule, a surcharge will be added as set forth in Schedule No. 2-X, General Metered Surcharge.
2. All bills are subject to the reimbursement fee set forth in Schedule No. UF.
3. Point Arena Associates and Wharf Masters Inn will be charged the 4-inch meter charge pursuant to Resolution No. W-4233.

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Schedule F

FACILITIES FEES

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all customers applying for service from the Utility in the territory served for premises not previously connected to its distribution mains, for additional service connections to existing premises, and for increases in size of service connections to existing premises.

TERRITORY

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

RATES

Initial Fee for each Service Connection

For 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter.....	\$	2,028	(I)
For 3/4-inch meter.....		3,042	
For 1-inch meter.....		5,070	
For 1 1/2-inch meter.....		10,140	
For 2-inch meter.....		16,224	
For 3-inch meter.....		30,420	
For 4-inch meter.....		50,700	
For 6-inch meter.....		101,400	(I)

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. Facility fees are payable in addition to and do not limit any charges for extensions of mains that may be applicable under Rule 15, Main Extensions.
2. Payments made under this schedule are not subject to the reimbursement fee set forth in Schedule No. UF.
3. The California Department of Forestry (Cal Fire) will be charged a facility fee at the rate of the 2-inch meter for its 6-inch meter.

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POINT ARENA WATER WORKS, INC.
P.O. BOX 205
POINT ARENA, CA 95468

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, Point Arena Water Works, Inc. Advice Letter No. 93, 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 first class United States mail and/or via certified United States Mail, of the following document, Point Arena Water Works, Inc. Advice Letter No. 93, upon all additional parties of record as shown on the Service List attached hereto, a copy thereof properly addressed to each party.

Executed in Point Arena, California on the 10th day of May, 2021.



Carla Sigman
Administrative Assistant

**POINT ARENA WATER WORKS, INC.
P.O. BOX 205
POINT ARENA, CA 95468**

**POINT ARENA WATER WORKS, INC.
ADVICE LETTER No. 93
SERVICE LIST
(AS PER SECTION 4.3 OF GENERAL ORDER No. 96-B)**

Via First Class United States Mail and E-mail

Bruce DeBerry, Program Manager
Division of Water and Audits
California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

Without Attachments:

Via Certified United States Mail

City of Point Arena
PO Box 67
Point Arena, CA 95468-0067

Via First Class United States Mail

North Gualala Water Company
PO Box 1000
Gualala, CA 95445-1000

The Sea Ranch Water Company
PO Box 16
The Sea Ranch, CA 95497

Independent Coastal Observer
Editor
PO Box 1200
Gualala, CA 95445

POINT ARENA WATER WORKS

Attachment 1

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Summary of Earnings

Year 2020

	Adopted Res. No. W-5195 (a)	Actual 2020 (b)	CPI Increase at 1.4% (c) (a x 1.4%)	After CPI Increased Revenue (d) (b+c)
<u>Operating Revenue</u>				
Metered Water Revenue	396,425	352,185	5,550	357,735
Other Water Revenue	0	6,951	0	6,951
Total	396,425	359,136	5,550	364,686
<u>Operating Expenses</u>				
Purchased Power	23,655	22,890		22,890
Other Volume Related Expenses	505	567		567
Employee Labor	46,674	18,209		18,209
Materials	12,156	10,566		10,566
Contract Work	19,216	18,910		18,910
Transportation Expense	10,191	12,701		12,701
Other Plant Maintenance Expenses	28,308	32,387		32,387
Office Salaries	0	2,338		2,338
Management Salaries	64,221	82,285		82,285
Employee Pensions and Benefits	0	0		0
Uncollectibles Expense	793	0		0
Office Services and Rentals	8,760	9,576		9,576
Office Supplies and Expenses	7,490	7,493		7,493
Professional Services	45,622	50,299		50,299
Insurance	11,483	8,670		8,670
Regulatory Commission Expense	5,703	11,930		11,930
General Expense	7,362	7,400		7,400
Depreciation	10,985	10,500		10,500
Taxes Other Than Income Taxes	16,815	13,938		13,938
Income Taxes	21,403	9,021		9,021
Total Operating Expenses	341,342	329,680		329,680
Net Revenue	55,083	29,456		35,006
<u>Average Rate Base:</u>				
Water Plant In Service	1,638,205	1,840,865		1,840,865
Less:				0
Accumulated Depreciation	(854,390)	(882,522)		(882,522)
Advances for Construction	(31,187)	(32,261)		(32,261)
CIAC	(462,461)	(475,302)		(475,302)
Accum. Deferred Income Taxes	(18,362)	(31,218)		(31,218)
Plus:				
Materials	0	0		0
Working Cash	24,345	24,622		24,622
Construction Work in Progress	0	0		0
Adopted Rate Base Res. W-5093	296,150	444,185		444,185
Authorized Rate of Margin	18.17%	9.60%		11.41%

**POINT ARENA WATER WORKS
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Financial Information**

Estimated 2021 Annual Revenue

Recorded 2020 Water Revenue	\$ 359,136
Revenue Increase: (\$396,425 x 1.4%)	5,550
Estimated 2021 Revenue	<u>364,686</u>

Actual Expenses for Calendar Year 2020

(Excluding Other Income and Other Expenses)	<u>\$ 329,680</u>
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Average Rate Base - Year 2020

\$ 444,185

POINT ARENA WATER WORKS
Advice Letter No. 93
Rate Increase Calculations

<u>Schedule No. 1 General Metered Service:</u>	Res. W-5195	1.4% Increase	AL - 93 New Rate
Quantity Rate	\$ 14.33	\$ 0.20	\$ 14.53
Service Charge Rates			
5/8 x 3/4 inch	\$ 58.45	\$ 0.82	\$ 59.27
3/4 inch	\$ 87.67	\$ 1.23	\$ 88.90
1 inch	\$ 146.11	\$ 2.05	\$ 148.16
1.5 inch	\$ 292.23	\$ 4.09	\$ 296.32
2 inch	\$ 467.57	\$ 6.55	\$ 474.12
3 inch	\$ 876.68	\$ 12.27	\$ 888.95
4 inch	\$ 1,461.14	\$ 20.46	\$ 1,481.60
6 inch	\$ 1,461.14	\$ 20.46	\$ 1,481.60

<u>Facilities Fees:</u>	AL - 68	1.4% Increase	AL - 93 New Rate
5/8 x 3/4 inch	\$ 2,000	\$ 28	\$ 2,028
3/4 inch	\$ 3,000	\$ 42	\$ 3,042
1 inch	\$ 5,000	\$ 70	\$ 5,070
1.5 inch	\$ 10,000	\$ 140	\$ 10,140
2 inch	\$ 16,000	\$ 224	\$ 16,224
3 inch	\$ 30,000	\$ 420	\$ 30,420
4 inch	\$ 50,000	\$ 700	\$ 50,700
6 inch	\$ 100,000	\$ 1,400	\$ 101,400