

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

Advice Letter Cover Sheet

Utility Name: Rolling Green Utilities, Inc. District: N/A CPUC Utility #: U 280-W Advice Letter #: 45-W Tier: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Compliance Authorization: <u>D.92-03-093</u> Description: 2020 CPI Adjustment	Date Mailed to Service List: June 15, 2021 Protest Deadline (20th Day): July 5, 2021 Review Deadline (30th Day): July 15, 2021 Requested Effective Date: June 15, 2021 Rate Impact: \$2,214 1.4%
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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: Arnold Peterson
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DWA USE ONLY

<u>DATE</u>	<u>STAFF</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
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[] APPROVED [] WITHDRAWN [] REJECTED

Signature: _____ **Comments:** _____
Date: _____ _____

ROLLING GREEN UTILITIES, INC.-WATER

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June 15, 2021

Advice Letter No. 45-W

TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Rolling Green Utilities, Inc. - Water (Rolling Green) hereby transmits for filing one digital copy of this advice letter 45-W and the following tariff sheets which are enclosed:

<u>NEW SHEET #</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>CANCELLING SHEET #</u>
294-W	Schedule No. 1 - General Metered Service	290-W
295-W	Table of Contents	293-W

REQUEST

By AL 45-W, Rolling Green requests permission to increase its revenues (based on increase to the present monthly quantity rate and service charge) by 1.4%, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for 2020. The projected revenue increase of \$2,214 will not result in a rate of margin which exceeds the authorized rate of margin of 21.69%. Workpapers justifying this increase are enclosed.

BACKGROUND

The present rates became effective on May 19, 2020, pursuant to Resolution W-4493 and W-4540, which authorized an offset (CPI) rate increase of \$3,556, or 2.3%.

The last general rate increase became effective on March 13, 2015, pursuant to Resolution W-5024 which authorized a general rate increase of \$51,788, or 50.4%, and a return of margin of 21.69%.

AL 45-W 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 45-W 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 served 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 omissions;
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. The Water Division must receive a response or protest via email (or postal mail) within 20 days of the date the 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 Water Division, the respondent or protestant shall send a copy of the protest to Arnold Peterson at: Rolling Green Utilities, Inc. - Water

Email Address:

rollinggreenutilities@gmail.com

Mailing Address:

Rolling Green Utilities, Inc. - Water
139 Elmcrest Street
Big Pine, CA 93513

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

⁶ GO. 96-B, General Rule 7.4.3

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SERVICE LIST

- Recipient 1 County of Inyo
PO Box Q
Independence, CA 93526
merrante@inyocounty.us
- Recipient 2 California American Water
Thomas Brunet
thomas.brunet@amwater.com
- Recipient 3 City of Los Angeles
Department of Water & Power
300 Mandich
Bishop, CA 93514
CENTER@ladwp.com

I hereby certify that the above service list has been served a copy of AL 45-W on June 15, 2021.

Executed in Santa Paula, California on the June 15, 2021.

Rolling Green Utilities, Inc. - Water

By: /s/Frank Brommenschenkel
Arnold Peterson
General Manager

Enclosures

Schedule No. 1
GENERAL METERED SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all metered water service.

TERRITORY

Rolling Green Terrace and vicinity, adjacent to Highway No. 395, located approximately one mile northwest of Big Pine, Inyo County.

RATES

Quantity Rate:

All water, per 100 cubic feet..... \$1.40 (I)

Service Charge:

Per Meter
Per Month

For	5/8 x 3/4-inch meter.....	\$ 16.13	(I)
For	3/4-inch meter.....	\$ 24.19	(I)
For	1-inch meter.....	\$ 40.32	(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 monthly charge for water 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)

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Arnie Peterson

Date Filed _____

Decision No. D.92-03-093

Owner/Manager

Effective _____

Resolution No. W-4493, 4540 & 4658

TABLE OF CONTENTS

The following listed tariff sheets contain all effective rates and affecting rates and service of the utility, together with information relating thereto:

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Rolling Green Utilities, Inc. - Water Division

Summary of Earnings

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15-Jun-21

Category	Res. W-5024 3/13/2015	CPI-U 2019 (2.3%)	Recorded 2020	2020 CPI-U 1.4%	Authorized 2021
Operating Revenues:					
Unmetered Water Revenue					
Metered Water Revenue	\$ 154,590	\$ 3,556	\$ 166,297	\$ 2,214	\$ 168,511
Other Water Revenue					\$ -
Total Operating Revenues	\$ 154,590	\$ 158,146	\$ 166,297	\$ 2,214	\$ 168,511
Operating Expenses:					
Purchased Water					
Purchased Power	\$ 12,504		\$ 11,891		\$ 11,891
Other Vol. Rel. Exp.					\$ -
Employee Labor	\$ 13,419		\$ 18,488		\$ 18,488
Materials	\$ 7,725		\$ 6,374		\$ 6,374
Contract Work	\$ 6,695		\$ 2,811		\$ 2,811
Transportation	\$ 5,959		\$ 4,692		\$ 4,692
Other Plant Maintenance Expenses	\$ 954		\$ 22,360		\$ 22,360
Office salaries	\$ 7,432		\$ 8,040		\$ 8,040
Management	\$ 24,774		\$ 21,181		\$ 21,181
Employee Pension & Benefits	\$ 10,000		\$ 8,220		\$ 8,220
Uncollectable Accounts Expense	\$ 1,166		\$ -		\$ -
Office Services & Rentals	\$ 3,554		\$ 3,646		\$ 3,646
Office Supplies & Expense	\$ 1,314		\$ 3,218		\$ 3,218
Professional Services	\$ 4,542		\$ 3,417		\$ 3,417
Insurance	\$ 5,768		\$ 5,474		\$ 5,474
Regulatory Commission Expense	\$ 1,800		\$ 2,140		\$ 2,140
General Expenses	\$ 4,120		\$ 8,326		\$ 8,326
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 111,726		\$ 130,277		\$ 130,277
Deductions:					
Depreciation Expense	\$ 5,139		\$ 6,220		\$ 6,220
Property Tax			\$ 3,370		\$ 3,370
Payroll Tax			\$ 11,254		\$ 11,254
Taxes Other Than Income	\$ 5,011		\$ 1,368		\$ 1,368
Interest Expense			\$ 86		\$ 86
Total Deductions	\$ 10,150		\$ 22,298		\$ 22,298
Total Expenses Including Deductions	\$ 121,876		\$ 152,575		\$ 152,575
Net Income Before Taxes	\$ 32,714		\$ 13,722		\$ 15,936
State Income Tax			\$ 1,111		\$ 1,111
Federal Income Tax	\$ 7,365		\$ 2,648		\$ 2,648
Net Revenue	\$ 25,349		\$ 9,962		\$ 12,176
Rate Base:					
Average Plant	\$ 209,676		\$ 251,101		\$ 251,101
Average Depreciation Reserve	\$ 168,784		\$ 180,185		\$ 180,185
Net Plant	\$ 40,892		\$ 70,916		\$ 70,916
Less Advances/Contributions					
Add: Materials and Supplies	\$ 400		\$ 1,000		\$ 1,000
Add: Working Cash	\$ 9,310		\$ 12,000		\$ 12,184
Rate Base	\$ 50,603		\$ 83,916		\$ 84,100
Rate of Return	50.09%		11.87%		14.48%
Rate of Margin	21.69%		8.30%		9.51%

Rolling Green Utilities, Inc. - Water Division

AL 45-W CPI-U

Schedule 1

General Metered Service

6/15/2021

	Current	Proposed
		1.40%
Quantity Rate	\$1.38	\$1.40

Service Charge

5/8 x 3/4 inch meter	\$ 15.91	\$ 16.13
3/4 inch meter	\$ 23.86	\$ 24.19
1 inch meter	\$ 39.76	\$ 40.32