

WARRING WATER SERVICE, INC.

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Advice Letter No. 70-W

TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Warring Water Service, Inc. (Warring) hereby transmits for filing one digital copy of this advice letter 70-W and the following tariff sheets:

<u>NEW SHEET #</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>CANCELLING SHEET #</u>
419-W	Schedule No. 1	413-W
420-W	Schedule No. 3	414-W
421-W	Schedule No. 4	415-W
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REQUEST

By AL 70-W, Warring 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. This projected revenue increase of \$8,835 will not result in a rate of return which exceeds the authorized rate of return of 13.75%. Work papers justifying this increase are enclosed.

BACKGROUND

The present rates became effective July 15, 2020, pursuant to Resolution W-4540, which authorized an offset (CPI) rate increase of \$14,189, or 2.3%.

The last general rate increase became effective on October 29, 2009, pursuant to Resolution W-4796, which authorized a general rate increase of \$52,756, or 11.8%, and a rate of return of 13.75%.

AL 70-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 70-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 the Water Division, the respondent or protestant shall send a copy of the protest to Loriann Boon at: Warring Water Service, Inc.

Email Address:

danvlboon@sbcglobal.net

Mailing Address:

Warring Water Service, Inc.
P.O. Box 189
Piru, CA 93040

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 Ventura Special Districts
Attn: Joseph Pope
6767 Spring Road
Moorpark, CA 93021
WSCS@ventura.org

Recipient 2 California American Water
Attn: Wes Owens
Wes.owens@amwater.com

Recipient 3 Rancho Temescal
Tim Cohen
tcohen@ranchotemescal.com

I hereby certify that the above service list has been served a copy of AL 70-W on June 9, 2021.

Executed in Santa Paula, California on the June 9, 2021.

Warring Water Service, Inc.

By: /s/Frank Brommenschenkel
Glen Pace
President

Enclosures

Schedule No. 1
GENERAL METERED SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all metered water service.

TERRITORY

Piru and vicinity, Ventura County.

RATES

Quantity Rate:

All water used per 100 cubic feet..... \$1.792 (I)

Service Charge: Per Meter
Per Month

For 5/8 X 3/4-inch meter.....	\$ 28.40	(I)
For 3/4-inch meter.....	42.59	
For 1-inch meter.....	71.01	
For 1-1/2-inch meter.....	142.01	
For 2-inch meter.....	227.31	
For 3-inch meter.....	426.02	
For 4-inch meter.....	710.00	
For 6-inch meter.....	1,421.32	

The service charge is a readiness-to-serve charge which is applicable to all metered service and to which is added the charge for water used computed at the Quantity Rate.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. All bills are subject to the reimbursement fee set forth in Schedule No. UF.
2. A late charge will be imposed per Schedule No. LC.
3. In accordance with Section 2714 of the Public Utilities Code, if a tenant in a rental unit leaves owing the company, service to subsequent tenants in that unit, at the company's option, be furnished on the account of the landlord or property owner.

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Schedule No. 3
IRRIGATION SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all metered water service.

TERRITORY

Piru and vicinity, Ventura, County.

RATES

Quantity Rate:

All Water used per 100 cubic feet\$ 0.758 (I)

Service Charge:		Per Meter	
		Per Month	
For	2-inch meter.....	\$ 126.91	(I)
For	3-inch meter.....	248.83	
For	4-inch meter.....	416.52	
For	6-inch meter.....	832.88	(I)

The service charge is a readiness-to-serve charge, which is applicable to all metered service and to which is added the charge for water used computed at the Quantity rate.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. All bills are subject to the reimbursement fee set forth in Schedule UF.
2. A late charge will be imposed per Schedule No. LC.
3. In accordance with Section 2714 of the Public Utilities Code, if a tenant in a rental unit leaves owing the company, service to subsequent tenants in that unit, at the company's option, be furnished on the account of the landlord or property owner.

Schedule No. 4

PRIVATE FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE

Applicability

Applicable to all water service furnished for privately owned fire protection systems.

Territory

Piru and vicinity, Ventura County.

Rate

Per Service
Per Month

For each inch in diameter of service connection.....\$10.24 (I)

Special conditions:

1. The applicant will pay without refund the entire cost of service connection installation. All installations will be in accordance with the Utility's plans and specifications and will be maintained to the satisfaction of the Utility.
2. The minimum diameter for fire protection service shall be four inches, and the maximum diameter shall not be more than the diameter of the main to which service is connected.
3. If a distribution main of adequate size to serve a private fire protection system in addition to all other normal service does not exist in the street or alley adjacent to the premises to be served, then a service main from the nearest existing main of adequate capacity shall be installed by the Utility and the cost paid by the applicant. Such payment shall not be subject to refund.
4. The customer's installation must be such as to separate effectively the fire sprinkler system from that of the customer's regular water service. The Utility may require the installation of a standard detector check or other similar device acceptable to the Utility, which will indicate theft, leakage or waste of water and the cost shall be paid without refund by the applicant. Any unauthorized use of this water will be charged for at the regular established rate for general metered service, and/or may be grounds for the Utility's discontinuing the fire sprinkler service without liability to the Utility.
5. There shall be no cross-connection between the fire sprinkler system supplied by the water through the Utility's fire sprinkler service to any other source of supply without the specific approval of the utility. This specific approval will require, at the customers expense, a special double check valve installation or other device acceptable to the Utility. Any unauthorized cross-connection may be the grounds for immediately discontinuing the sprinkler system without liability to the Utility.
6. The utility will supply only such water at such pressures as may be available from time to time as a result of its normal operation of the system.
7. All Bills are subject to the reimbursement fee set forth in Schedule No. UF.

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Summary of Earnings Advice Letter 70-W CPI-U

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	Resolution W-4796 10/29/2009	Recorded 2020	2020 CPI-U 1.4%	Authorized Rates
<u>Operating Revenues</u>				
Water Sales	\$ 500,800	\$ 627,750	\$ 8,835	\$ 636,585
<u>Operating Expenses:</u>				
Purchased power	\$ 46,018	\$ 67,023		\$ 67,023
Other volume related	\$ 29,048	\$ 104,419		\$ 104,419
Employee labor	\$ 64,720	\$ 54,184		\$ 54,184
Materials	\$ 5,072	\$ 9,637		\$ 9,637
Contract work	\$ 36,437	\$ 40,696		\$ 40,696
Transportation	\$ 17,291	\$ 6,192		\$ 6,192
Other plant maintenance	\$ 4,082	\$ 12,059		\$ 12,059
Office salaries	\$ 14,000	\$ 29,040		\$ 29,040
Management	\$ 14,000	\$ 48,000		\$ 48,000
Employee pension & benefit	\$ 29,263	\$ 21,836		\$ 21,836
Uncollectible expense	\$ 690	\$ -		\$ -
Office services & rentals	\$ 18,687	\$ 29,147		\$ 29,147
Office supplies & expenses	\$ 3,092	\$ 9,079		\$ 9,079
Professional services	\$ 5,000	\$ 19,960		\$ 19,960
Insurance	\$ 9,501	\$ 12,740		\$ 12,740
Regulatory expense	\$ 2,000	\$ 8,102		\$ 8,102
General expenses	\$ 2,750	\$ 2,747		\$ 2,747
Total operating expenses	\$ 301,651	\$ 474,862		\$ 474,862
Depreciation expense	\$ 29,062	\$ 60,724		\$ 60,724
Taxes other than income	\$ 28,444	\$ 41,301		\$ 41,301
State taxes	\$ 11,114	\$ 800		\$ 800
Federal income taxes	\$ 27,948	\$ -		\$ -
Total deductions	\$ 398,219	\$ 577,687		\$ 577,687
Net Revenue	\$ 102,582	\$ 50,063		\$ 58,898
Rate Base				
Total Plant	\$ 1,745,572	\$ 3,689,255		\$ 3,689,255
Aver. Acc. Dep.	\$ 449,786	\$ 982,488		\$ 982,488
Net Plant	\$ 1,295,786	\$ 2,706,767		\$ 2,706,767
Less: Advances	-	\$ 292,702		\$ 292,702
Contributions	\$ 575,792	\$ 1,253,794		\$ 1,253,794
Plus: Materials & supplies	\$ 735	\$ 47,074		\$ 47,074
Construction Work in Progress		\$ 39,426		\$ 39,426
Working Cash	\$ 25,138	\$ 39,505		\$ 39,505
Rate Base	\$ 745,867	\$ 1,286,276		\$ 1,286,276
Rate of Return	13.75%	3.89%		4.58%

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Schedule No. 1
General Metered Service

		1.4% Increase	
Quantity Rate	\$ 1.767	\$	1.792
 Service Charge			
5/8 x 3/4	\$ 28.01	\$	28.40
3/4	\$ 42.00	\$	42.59
1	\$ 70.03	\$	71.01
1 1/2	\$ 140.05	\$	142.01
2	\$ 224.17	\$	227.31
3	\$ 420.14	\$	426.02
4	\$ 700.20	\$	710.00
6	\$ 1,401.70	\$	1,421.32

Schedule No. 3
Irrigation Service

		1.4% Increase	
Quantity Rate	\$ 0.748	\$	0.758
 Service Charge			
5/8 x 3/4			
3/4			
1			
1 1/2			
2	\$ 125.16	\$	126.91
3	\$ 245.39	\$	248.83
4	\$ 410.77	\$	416.52
6	\$ 821.38	\$	832.88

Schedule No. 4
Private Fire Protection Service

		1.4% Increase	
Rate	\$ 10.10	\$	10.24