

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

Advice Letter Cover Sheet

Utility Name: Graeagle Water Company	Date Mailed to Service List: March 22, 2021
CPUC Utility #: WTC 53-W	Protest Deadline (20th Day): April 11, 2021
Advice Letter #: 58	Review Deadline (30th Day): April 20, 2021
Tier: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Compliance	Requested Effective Date: May 1, 2021
Authorization: Decision 92-03-093 and Resolution W-4493	Rate Impact: \$8,781 (1.4%)
Description: Rate Adjustment due to CPI-U for 2020.	

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>

<input type="checkbox"/> APPROVED	<input type="checkbox"/> WITHDRAWN	<input type="checkbox"/> REJECTED
Signature: _____	Comments: _____	
Date: _____		

GRAEAGLE WATER COMPANY

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March 22, 2021

Advice Letter No. 58

TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Graeagle Water Company (Graeagle) hereby transmits for filing one original and one copy of this advice letter (AL) and the following tariff sheets which are enclosed:

<u>NEW SHEET #</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>CANCELLING SHEET #</u>
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REQUEST

By AL 58, Graeagle 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 \$8,781 will not result in a rate of return which exceeds the authorized rate of return of 9.0% - 10.0%. Workpapers justifying this increase are enclosed.

BACKGROUND

The present rates became effective on May 1, 2015, pursuant to Resolution W-5024, which was a general rate increase.

The last general rate increase became effective on May 1, 2015, pursuant to Resolution W-5024, which authorized a general rate increase of \$179,133, or 40%, and a rate of return of 10.7%.

AL 58 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.

TIER DESIGNATION AND REQUESTED EFFECTIVE DATE

This AL and the enclosed tariff sheets are submitted pursuant to General Order (GO.) 96-B. AL 58 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

A protest shall provide citations or proofs where available to allow staff to properly consider the protest. DWA 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 DWA, the respondent or protestant shall send a copy of the protest to Graeagle at:

Email Address:

gwc@playgraeagle.com

Mailing Address:

PO Box 310
Graeagle, CA 96103

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

I hereby certify that the above service list has been served a copy of AL 58 on March 22, 2021.

Executed in Graeagle, California on the March 22, 2021.

Graeagle Water Company

By: */s/ Cindy Holms*

Cindy Holms
Controller

Enclosures

⁶ GO. 96-B, General Rule 7.4.3

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Category	Most Recent Adpted in Resolution W-5027	Actual 2020	CPI Increase @ 1.4% on Recent Adopted Revenue Only	Revenue After CPI Increase, Actual Expenses, & Actual Rate Base
	a	b	c=a*1.4%	(Revenues) d=b+c
Operating Revenues:			<C>	
Flat Rate	188,993	170,302	2,646	172,948
Metered	437,634	471,668	6,127	477,795
Private Fire Protection	600	609	8	617
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	627,227	642,579		651,360
Operating Expenses:				
Purchased Water	-	-		-
Purchased Power	10,026	13,697		13,697
Purchased Chemicals	-	-		-
Other volume Related Expenses	7,391	7,178		7,178
Employee Labor	-	-		-
Materials	3,687	5,209		5,209
Contract Work	144,468	204,732		204,732
Water Testing	5,426	4,524		4,524
Transportation Expense	8,106	17,970		17,970
Other Plant Maintenance	10,036	15,469		15,469
Office Salaries	96,523	84,210		84,210
Management Salaries	64,973	102,080		102,080
Employee Pension and Benefits	-	-		-
Uncollectibles	68	-		-
Office Service and Rentals	4,860	19,862		19,862
Office Supplies and Expenses	8,987	5,830		5,830
Professional Services	13,380	11,569		11,569
Insurance	4,093	3,024		3,024
Regulatory Commission Expense	500	8,098		8,098
General Expenses	6,740	8,800		8,800
SUBTOTAL	389,264	512,252		512,252
Depreciation	51,016	70,548		70,548
Taxes Other than Income	15,314	34,433		34,433
State and Federal Income Taxes	59,441	232		232
Interest	-	131		131
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	515,035	617,597		617,597
NET REVENUE	112,192	24,982		33,763
RATE BASE				
Average Plant	2,154,561	2,753,460		2,753,460
Less Average Accumulated Depr.	1,033,334	1,341,504		1,341,504
NET PLANT	1,121,227	1,411,956		1,411,956
Working Cash	25,741	210,816		210,816
Less Advances & Contributions	98,894	81,272		81,272
Plus Materials & Supplies	475	-		-
RATE BASE	1,048,549	1,541,500	-	1,541,500
RATE OF RETURN	10.70%	1.62%		2.19%

Schedule No. 1

GENERAL METERED SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all metered water service.

TERRITORY

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

Quantity Rate:

All water used per 100 cu. ft.....	\$2.01	(I)
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Service Charge:

	<u>Per Meter Per Month</u>	
For 5/8 x 3/4 -inch meter	\$32.38	
For 3/4-inch meter	\$48.56	
For 1 -inch meter	\$80.93	
For 1-1/2-inch meter	\$161.86	
For 2 -inch meter	\$258.99	
For 3 -inch meter	\$339.05	
For 4 -inch meter	\$610.31	

The Service Charge is a readiness-to-serve charge which is applicable to all metered service and to which is to be added the charge computed at the Quantity Rate.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. The established billing cycle for service is every two months.
2. All bills are subject to the reimbursement fee set forth on Schedule No. UF.
3. In the event that a customer terminates service under this schedule and reinstates service at the same location within 12 months, there will be a reconnection charge equal to the minimum charge which would have been billed had the customer not terminated service

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Schedule No. 2

GENERAL FLAT RATE SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all flat water service furnished on an annual basis

TERRITORY

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

RATES

	<u>Per Year</u>	Per Service <u>Per Month</u>	
For a single-family residence, business establishment, or manager's quarters of a motel or trailer park, including premises.....	\$622.95	\$51.91	(I)
For additional buildings on the same premises and served from the same service connection:			
(1) each residence, cabin or trailer with housekeeping accommodations	\$260.64	\$21.72	
(2) each hotel or motel room with bathroom facilities only	\$131.13	\$10.93	
(3) each trailer facility with partial plumbing.....	\$91.83	\$7.65	
1-inch Service.....	\$934.41	\$77.87	
1 1/2 - inch Service.....	\$1,432.76	\$119.40	
2- inch Service.....	\$1,993.37	\$166.11	
4-inch Service.....	\$3,644.14	\$303.68	(I)

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Schedule No. 2S

SEASONAL FLAT RATE SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all flat water service furnished on an annual basis

TERRITORY

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

RATES

	Per Service		
	<u>Per Year</u>	<u>Per Month</u>	
For a single-family residence, business establishment, or manager's quarters of a motel or trailer park, including premises.....	\$591.34	\$73.9	(I)
For additional buildings on the same premises and served from the same service connection:			
(1) each residence, cabin or trailer with housekeeping accommodations.....	\$247.11	\$30.89	
(2) each hotel or motel room with bathroom facilities only.....	\$123.61	\$15.45	
(3) each trailer facility with partial plumbing.....	\$86.45	\$10.81	(I)

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

- (1) The above flat rates apply to service connections no larger than 3/4 inch diameter.
- (2) The established billing cycle for service is every two months
- (3) The seasonal service charge applies to service during the 8-month period commencing March 16 and ending November 15
- (4) All bills are subject to the reimbursement fee set forth on Schedule NO. UF.
- (5) In the event that a customer terminates service under this schedule and reinstates service at the same location within 12 months, there will be a reconnection charge equal to the minimum charge which would have been billed had the customer not terminated service
- (6) For service covered by the above classification, if the utility so elects, a meter shall be installed and service provided under Schedule No. 1, General Metered Service, effective as of the first day of the following calendar month. Where the flat rate charge for a period has been paid in advance, a refund of the prorated difference between such flat rate payment and the minimum metered charge for the same period shall be made on or about that same day.

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Schedule No. 4

PRIVATE FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to water service furnished for private fire protection systems.

TERRITORY

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

RATES

Per Month

For each inch of diameter of service \$4.68 (I)

SPECIAL CONDITONS

1. The fire protection service shall be installed by the utility and the cost paid for by the applicant. Such payment shall not be subject to refund.
2. The minimum diameter for fire protection services shall not be less than six inches and the maximum diameter shall not be more than the diameter of the main to which the 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. Service hereunder is for private fire protection systems to which no connections for other than fire protection purposes are allowed and which are regularly inspected by the underwriters having jurisdiction. Said systems shall be installed according to the specifications of the utility, and are maintained to the satisfaction of the utility. The utility may install the standard detector type meter approved by the Board of Fire Underwriters for protection against theft, leakage or waste of water and the cost paid by the applicant. Such payment shall not be subject to refund.

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Schedule No. 5

PUBLIC FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all fire hydrant service furnished to municipalities, duly organized or incorporated fire districts or other political subdivisions of the State.

TERRITORY

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

RATES

Per Month

For each hydrant..... \$11.45 (I)

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. For water delivered for other than fire protection purposes, charges shall be made at the quantity rate under Schedule No.1, General Metered Service.
2. Relocation of any fire hydrant shall be at the expense of the party requesting relocation.
3. Fire hydrants shall be attached to the utility's distribution mains upon receipt of proper authorization from the appropriate public authority. Such authorization shall designate the specific location at which each is to be installed.
4. The utility will supply only such water at such pressure as may be available from time to time as a result of its normal operations of the system.
5. The established billing cycle for service is every two months.
6. All bills are subject to the reimbursement fee set forth on Schedule No. UF.
7. In the event that a customer terminates service under this schedule and reinstates service at the same location within 12 months, there will be a new reconnection charge equal to the minimum charge which would have been billed had the customer not terminated service.

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Schedule No. 6

SEASONAL FLAT RATE IRRIGATION SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all flat rate water furnished to outside irrigators with service connections larger than 3/4 inch on a seasonal basis

TERRITORY

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

RATES

	Per Service		
	Per Year	Per Month	
1" Service.....	\$ 622.96	\$ 77.88	(I)
1-1/2" Service.....	\$1,011.26	\$ 126.41	
2"Service.....	\$1,408.66	\$ 176.08	
4"Service.....	\$2,587.80	\$ 323.48	
Feather River Park Golf Course.....	\$10,028.09	\$1,253.51	(I)

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. The utility may, at its discretion, interrupt service to irrigation customers during the following periods: (Memorial Day Weekend, July Fourth Weekend, or Labor Day Weekend); with such interruptions only to be used in the case that service to other customers would be impacted by continued irrigation. No service should be interrupted for more than four days. No punitive action under Rule 15 should be triggered by excessive use of irrigation water for one week before and one week after any service interruption.
2. The seasonal service charge applies to service during the 8-month period commencing March 16 and ending November 15.
3. The established billing cycle for service is every two months.
4. All bills are subject to the reimbursement fee set forth on Schedule No. UF.
5. In the event that a customer terminates service under this schedule and reinstates service at the same location within 12 months, there will be a reconnection charge equal to the minimum charge which would have been billed had the customer not terminated service.
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