

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

Advice Letter Cover Sheet

Utility Name: Lukins Brothers Water Company

Date Mailed to Service List: Feb. 8, 2021

CPUC Utility #: WTC 142

Protest Deadline (20th Day): Feb. 28, 2021

Advice Letter #: 86-W

Review Deadline (30th Day): Mar. 10, 2021

Tier 1 2 3 Compliance

Requested Effective Date: Feb. 8, 2021

Authorization GO 96-B

Rate Impact: \$0
 0%

Description: Establish a monthly surcharge to amortize the Purchased Water Balancing Account of \$54,413.82.

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.

Utility Contact: Jennifer Lukins

Utility Contact 2:

Phone: (530) 541-2606

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Email: jennifer@lukinswater.com

Email 2:

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STAFF

COMMENTS

LUKINS BROTHERS WATER COMPANY

2031 West Way, So. Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

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February 8, 2021

Advice Letter No. 86-W

TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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

<u>NEW SHEET #</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>CANCELLING SHEET #</u>
541-W, 542-W	Schedule No. 1, General Metered Service	481-W, 536-W
543-W	Schedule No. 2A, Annual Flat Rate Service	484-W
544-W	Schedule No. 4, Private Fire Protection	534-W, 442-W
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REQUEST

By Advice Letter 86-W, LUKINS requests the following:

1. Delete the monthly surcharge to each customer's bill to amortize the under collection of revenue of \$10,029 from Advice Letter No. 59-W from its Schedules 1, 2A and 4 tariffs.
2. Delete the monthly surcharge of \$3.18 to each customer's bill to amortize the balance of \$56,294.78 in its Purchased Water Balancing Account from Advice Letter No. 75-W in Schedules 1, 2A and 4 tariffs.
3. Seek authority to amortize the remaining outstanding balance of \$54,413.82 recorded in its Purchased Water Balancing Account (PWBA) as of March 31, 2021. LUKINS requests a surcharge of \$3.08 a month for metered customers, \$3.08 a month for flat rate customers and \$3.08 a month for each private fire protection service customers for 18 months. The PWBA outstanding amount is equal to 4.32% of gross annual revenues adopted for the most recent general rate case, Resolution W-5209, February 6, 2020.

LUKINS expects that its newly constructed water contamination treatment facility will be online in the Spring of 2021. LUKINS anticipates that it will be purchasing water from the South Tahoe Public Utility District for just one more quarter in 2021. It estimates that the purchased water for the first quarter of 2021 will be \$7,372.47, same as the previous quarter.

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The Commission staff has been provided with work papers supporting the balancing accounts accruals.

The increased rates proposed in this Advice Letter will only recover increased expenses in Purchased Water Balancing Account will not provide additional net revenue for LUKINS and will not result in any increase in its authorized rate of return.

Lukins respectfully requests expedited handling of this advice letter.

TIER DESIGNATION AND REQUESTED EFFECTIVE DATE

These tariffs are submitted pursuant to Water Industry Rule 7.3.1(1) of General Order (GO.) 96-B and this advice letter is designated as a Tier 1 filing.¹ This advice letter will become effective upon approval or deemed approval by DWA staff.

NOTICE

In compliance with Section 4.3 of GO. 96-B, a copy of this advice letter has been served to all parties listed on the enclosed service list.²

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

RESPONSE OR PROTEST³

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

¹ GO. 96-B, Water Industry Rule 7.3.1

² GO. 96-B, Water Industry Rule 4.2

³ GO. 96-B, General Rule 7.4.1

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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 DWA within 20 days of the date this advice letter is filed. The addresses for submitting a response or protest are:

Mailing Address:

California Public Utilities
Commission
Water Division, 3rd Floor
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

Email Address:

Water.Division@cpuc.ca.gov

On the same day the response or protest is submitted to DWA, the respondent or protestant shall send a copy of the protest to LUKINS at:

Mailing Address:

LUKINS BROTHERS Water
Company
2031 West Way,
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

Email Address:

jennifer@lukinswater.com

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.

LUKINS BROTHERS Water
Company

By: /s/ DANNY LUKINS

DANNY LUKINS
President

Enclosures

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I hereby certify that the service list from this Advice Letter has been served a copy of this Advice Letter No. 86-W on February 8, 2021.

Executed in South Lake Tahoe, California on the February 8, 2021.

LUKINS BROTHERS Water Company

By: /s/ DANNY LUKINS
DANNY LUKINS
President

Schedule No. 1

GENERAL METERED SERVICE
(continued)

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. The annual service charge and surcharge applies to service during the 12-month period commencing January 1 and is due in advance. When a customer has been a customer of the utility for at least 12 months, the customer may elect, at the beginning of the calendar year, to pay prorated service charges in advance at intervals of less than one year (monthly, bimonthly, or quarterly) in accordance with the utility's established billing periods.

The meter will be read and quantity charges billed monthly, bimonthly or quarterly in accordance with the utility's established billing periods except that meters may be read and quantity charges billed during the winter season at intervals greater than three months.

2. The opening bill for metered service, except upon conversion from flat rate service, shall be the established annual service charge for the service. Where Initial service is established after the first day of any year, the portion of such annual charge applicable to the current year shall be determined by multiplying the annual charge by one three hundred-sixty-fifth (1/365) of the number of dates remaining in the calendar year. The balance of the payment of the initial annual charge shall be credited against the charges for the succeeding annual period. If the service is not continued for at least one year after the date of initial service, no refund of the Initial annual charge shall be due the customer.
3. All bills are subject to the reimbursement fee set forth In Schedule No. UF.

(D)

(To be inserted by utility)

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Schedule No. 1

GENERAL METERED SERVICE
(continued)

SPECIAL CONDITIONS (continued)

4. In the event that a customer terminates service under this schedule and reinstates service at the same location, there will be a reconnection charge (see Rule No. 11, C. Restoration of Service, 1. Reconnection Charge). Any customer, prior to resuming service within twelve months after such service was discontinued, will be required to pay all service charges and surcharges that would have been billed if service had not been discontinued. (T)
(D)
5. As authorized by CPUC Resolution W-5209, a monthly surcharge of \$10.55 shall be applied to each customer's bill to collect the under collected revenues from February 19, 2019, the interim date, to the effective date of the new rates established by Res. W-5209. The monthly surcharge shall be applied for 60 months or until \$621,507 is recovered. (T)
(D)
6. **A \$3.08 bill surcharge shall be applied to each customer's monthly water bill to amortize the Purchased Water Balancing Account of \$54,413.82. The surcharge shall be separately identified on each bill and in place for a period of 18 months, or until the full amount has been collected, from the effective date of Advice Letter 86-W.** (N)
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Schedule No.2A

ANNUAL FLAT RATE SERVICE

SPECIAL CONDITIONS (continued)

- 3. The annual flat rate charge applies to service during the 12-month period commencing January 1 and is due in advance. If a permanent resident of the area has been a customer of the utility for at least 12 months, the customer may elect, at the beginning of the calendar year, to pay prorated flat rate charges and surcharges in advance at intervals of less than one year (monthly, bimonthly or quarterly) in accordance with the utility's established billing periods. A nonpermanent resident may elect to pay the annual charge in two equal installments. Where such a resident has failed to pay the first half of the annual charge due January 1, service will not be restored until the total annual charge has been paid.
- 4. The opening bill for flat rate service shall be the established annual flat rate charge for the service. Where initial service is established after the first day of any year, the portion of such annual charge applicable to the current year shall be determined by multiplying the annual charge by one three-hundred-sixty-fifth (1/365) of the number of days remaining in the calendar year. The balance of the payment of the Initial annual charge shall be credited against the charges for the succeeding annual period. If the service is not continued for at least one year after the date of Initial service, no refund of the Initial annual charge shall be due the customer.
- 5. All bills are subject to the reimbursement fee set forth in Schedule No. UF. (D)
- 6. In the event that a customer terminates service under this schedule and reinstates service at the same location, there will be a reconnection charge (see Rule No. 11, C. Restoration of Service, 1. Reconnection Charge). Any customer, prior to resuming service within twelve months after such service was discontinued, will be required to pay all service charges and surcharges that would have been billed if service had not been discontinued. (T)
- 7. **A \$3.08 bill surcharge shall be applied to each customer's monthly water bill to amortize the Purchased Water Balancing Account of \$54,413.82. The surcharge shall be separately identified on each bill and in place for a period of 18 months, or until the full amount has been collected, from the effective date of Advice Letter 86-W** (N)
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Schedule No. 4

PRIVATE FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all water service furnished for fire protection systems and to private fire hydrants.

TERRITORY

This Schedule is applicable with the entire territory served by the utility.

RATES

Per Year

For each inch of diameter of service connection \$250.02

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. The fire protection service connection will be installed by the utility and the cost paid by the applicant. Such payment shall not be subject to refund.
2. The maximum diameter for the fire protection services shall not be more than the diameter of the main to which service is connected.
3. If the 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, the 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. The fire protection service connection shall be installed by the utility, according to specifications of the San Bernardino County Fire Department and the cost paid by the applicant. Such payment shall not be subject to refund. The utility may install a meter or the standard protection against theft, leakage, or waste of water. The cost of the facilities will be paid by the applicant and not subject to refund.
5. The utility undertakes to supply only such water at such pressure as may be available at any time through the normal operation of the system.

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