

NORTH GUALALA WATER COMPANY, INC.
Mendocino County

July 26, 2021

ADVICE LETTER No. 131

TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

NORTH GUALALA WATER COMPANY (NGWC) hereby transmits for filing one original and one copy each of the following tariffs schedules which are attached hereto:

<u>CPUC</u> <u>SHEET No.</u>	<u>TITLE OF SHEET</u>	<u>CANCELING CPUC</u> <u>SHEET No.</u>
502-W	Schedule No. 1 General Metered Service	473-W
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The present rates of NGWC became effective on November 20, 2019, pursuant to Advice Letter No. 121, which authorized NGWC a CPI increase of \$21,629 or 1.9% for year 2018. The last general rate increase became effective on June 25, 2015, pursuant to Resolution W-5045, which authorized a general rate increase of \$190,390 or 20.77% and a return on rate of margin of 20.21%.

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 NGWC to file the attached rate schedules and to concurrently withdraw and cancel its present schedules for such service.

NGWC respectfully requests permission to increase the present monthly rates by \$16,240 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 131 is a Tier 1 advice letter. NGWC respectfully requests that Advice Letter No. 131 be effective July 26, 2021.

Notice

In compliance with Section 4.3 of General Order 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, NGWC 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

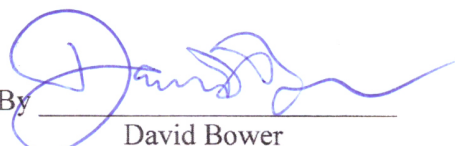
On the same day the response or protest is submitted to the Water Division, the respondent or protestant shall send a copy of the protest by mail or e-mail to us, addressed to:

North Gualala Water Company
P.O. Box 1000
Gualala, CA 95445
Phone No. (707) 884-3579
Fax: (707) 884-1620
Email: office@ngwco.com

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.

North Gualala Water Company

By 

David Bower
President

Attachments

Schedule No. 1

GENERAL METERED SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all metered water service.

TERRITORY

Gualala and vicinity located approximately 15 miles south of Point Arena, Mendocino County.

RATES

For 5/8 x 3/4 inch meter:		
First 300 cu. ft. of water, per 100 cu. ft.	\$ 7.61	(I)
Over 300 cu. ft. of water, per 100 cu. ft.	\$ 9.65	(I)
All other meter sizes:		
All water, per 100 cu. ft.	\$ 9.65	(I)

	<u>Per Meter Per Month</u>	
	<u>Service Charge</u>	<u>SDWBA Surcharge</u>
For 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter	\$ 46.05 (I)	\$ 15.91
For 3/4-inch meter	\$ 69.05 (I)	\$ 23.87
For 1-inch meter	\$ 115.10 (I)	\$ 39.78
For 1-1/2-inch meter	\$ 230.18 (I)	\$ 79.55
For 2-inch meter	\$ 368.29 (I)	\$127.28
For 3-inch meter	\$ 690.56 (I)	\$238.65
For 4-inch meter	\$1,150.93 (I)	\$397.75

The service charge is a readiness to service charge, which is applicable to all metered service and to which is added the monthly charges computed at Quantity Rates.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. All bills are subject to the reimbursement fee set forth on Schedule UF.
2. The SDWBA (Safe Drinking Water Bond Act) surcharge is in addition to the water bill. This surcharge must be identified on each bill. The surcharge is specifically for the repayment of the California SDWBA loan authorized by Resolution F-645 and Resolution W-4108.
3. A late charge will be imposed per Schedule No. LC.
4. 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 will, at the company's option, be furnished on the account of the landlord or property owner.

(To be inserted by utility)

Issued by

(To be inserted by Cal. PU.C.)

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David Bower

Date Filed _____

Decision No. 92-03-093

Name
President
Title

Effective _____

Resolution No. _____

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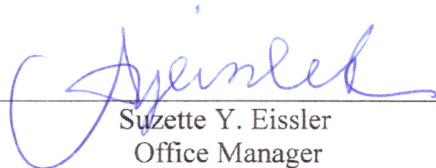
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		Resolution No. <u> </u>

NORTH GUALALA WATER COMPANY, INC.
P.O. Box 1000
Gualala, CA 95445

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true copy via email of the following document, North Gualala Water Company, Advice Letter No. 131, 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 of the following document, North Gualala Water Company, Advice Letter No. 131, without attachments, upon all additional parties of record as shown on the Service List attached hereto, a copy thereof properly addressed to each party.

Executed in Gualala, California on the 26th day of July 2021.


Suzette Y. Eissler
Office Manager

NORTH GUALALA WATER COMPANY, INC.

**P.O. Box 1000
Gualala, CA 95445**

**NORTH GUALALA WATER COMPANY
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SERVICE LIST
(AS PER SECTION 4.3 OF GENERAL ORDER No. 96-B)**

Via E-mail:

California Public Utilities Commission
Division of Water and Audits
Water.Division@cpuc.ca.gov

Via First Class U.S. Mail (Without Attachments):

Point Arena Water Works
P.O. Box 205
Point Arena, CA 95468-0205

Sea Ranch Water Company
P.O. Box 16
The Sea Ranch, CA 95497-0016

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Summary of Earnings

Year 2020

	Adopted Rates Res. W-5045 (a)	Advice Letter No. 98 CPI (b)	Advice Letter No. 111 CPI (c)	Advice Letter No. 121 CPI (d)	Total Adopted Rates (e) (a+b+c+d)	Actual 2020 (f)	Current CPI Increase 1.4% (g) (e x 1.4%)	After CPI Increased Revenue (f+g)
Operating Revenue								
Water Revenue	1,107,225	7,751	23,414	21,629	1,160,019	1,120,026	16,240	1,136,266
Operating Expenses								
Purchased Power	74,610				74,610	89,981		89,981
Other Volume Related Expenses	4,055				4,055	11,280		11,280
Employee Labor	151,657				151,657	265,994		265,994
Materials	23,001				23,001	44,514		44,514
Contract Work	44,444				44,444	41,281		41,281
Transportation Expense	36,763				36,763	37,606		37,606
Other Plant Maintenance Expenses	0				0	25,571		25,571
Office Salaries	75,000				75,000	90,761		90,761
Management Salaries	87,333				87,333	102,163		102,163
Employee Benefits	55,757				55,757	72,195		72,195
Uncollectibles	1,233				1,233	0		0
Office Services and Rentals	6,000				6,000	25,820		25,820
Office Supplies and Expenses	41,976				41,976	111,435		111,435
Professional Services	87,277				87,277	64,479		64,479
Insurance	33,802				33,802	49,698		49,698
Regulatory Commission Expense	8,817				8,817	18,899		18,899
General Expenses	5,840				5,840	3,000		3,000
Capitalized Expenses	(14,212)				(14,212)	0		0
Depreciation	55,640				55,640	65,162		65,162
Taxes Other Than Income Taxes	75,231				75,231	77,360		77,360
Income Taxes	95,563				95,563	800		800
Total Operating Expenses	949,787				949,787	1,197,999		1,197,999
Net Revenue	157,438				210,232	(77,973)		(61,733)
Average Rate Base:								
Water Plant in Service	8,260,577				8,260,577	8,383,319		8,383,319
Less:								
Accumulated Depreciation	(1,720,035)				(1,720,035)	(4,789,268)		(4,789,268)
Net CIAC	(5,523,714)				(5,523,714)	(634,197)		(634,197)
Deferred Income Taxes	0				0	0		0
Plus:								
Materials and Supplies	16,557				16,557	34,411		34,411
Working Cash	60,279				60,279	88,213		88,213
Average Rate Base	1,093,664				1,093,664	3,082,478		3,082,478
Rate of Margin	20.21%				20.21%	-6.96%		-5.51%

Note: The above financial statement does not include Other Income and Expenses for year 2020.

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Financial Information

RATE OF MARGIN CALCULATION

Actual 2020 Operating Expenses	1,054,677
Depreciation	65,162
Basis for Rate of Margin	<u>1,119,839</u>
Net Revenue	(77,973)
Rate of Margin (Net Revenue / Basis for Rate of Margin)	<u>-6.96%</u>

ESTIMATED 2021 ANNUAL REVENUE

Recorded 2020 Water Revenue	\$ 1,120,026
Revenue Increase: (1,160,019 x 1.4%)	16,240
Estimated 2021 Revenue	<u>1,136,266</u>

ACTUAL EXPENSES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2020

(Excluding Other Income and Expenses)	<u>\$ 1,197,999</u>
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AVERAGE RATE BASE - YEAR 2020

\$ 3,082,478

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Rate Increase Calculations

	AL - 121 Rates	1.4% Increase	AL - 131 New Rate
<u>Schedule No. 1 General Metered Service:</u>			
Quantity Rates for 5/8 x 3/4 inch meter:			
First 300 cu. Ft. of water, per 100 cu. Ft.	\$ 7.50	\$ 0.11	\$ 7.61
Over 300 cu. Ft. of water, per 100 cu. Ft.	\$ 9.52	\$ 0.13	\$ 9.65
Quantity Rates for all other meter sizes:			
All water, per 100 cu. Ft.	\$ 9.52	\$ 0.13	\$ 9.65
Service Charge Rates			
5/8 x 3/4 inch	\$ 45.41	\$ 0.64	\$ 46.05
3/4 inch	\$ 68.10	\$ 0.95	\$ 69.05
1 inch	\$ 113.51	\$ 1.59	\$ 115.10
1.5 inch	\$ 227.00	\$ 3.18	\$ 230.18
2 inch	\$ 363.21	\$ 5.08	\$ 368.29
3 inch	\$ 681.03	\$ 9.53	\$ 690.56
4 inch	\$ 1,135.04	\$ 15.89	\$ 1,150.93