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Advice Letter Cover Sheet

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Advice Letter #: 1372	Review Deadline (30th Day): June 12 , 2022
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Authorization D. 21-11-018	
Description: Update to Rule 16	Rate Impact: \$See AL See AL%

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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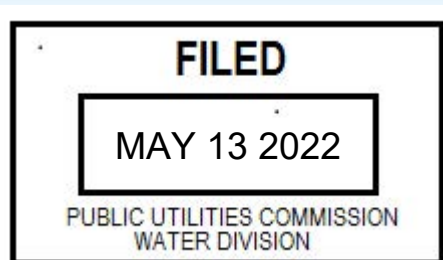
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ADVICE LETTER NO. 1372

TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

California-American Water Company (California American Water) (U210W) submits for review this advice letter including the following attached tariff sheets applicable to its All Districts.

Purpose:

By this clean-up advice letter, California American Water requests authorization to modify its operating Rule 16 consistent with Decision (“D.”) 21-11-018. The changes are to remove references to the Facilities Fee which was eliminated in D.21-11-018 and make other changes for consistency with that determination.

The above changes do not impact authorized rates and all customers were billed correctly with respect to the modifications addressed above.

Background:

In an effort to maintain accurate tariffs, California American Water continuously reviews its tariffs to identify tariffs that need to be added, deleted and modified. In its review of Rule 16, California American Water discovered that references to the Facilities Fee eliminated by D.21-11-018 inadvertently remained in Rule 16 and that revisions to Rule 16 consistent with D.21-11-018 were necessary.

Specifically, in Application 19-07-004, California American Water requested elimination of the Facilities Fee or Connection Fee in its tariffs and proposed that new service connections be charged the actual construction cost. In a Settlement Agreement reached with the Public Advocates Office, the parties agreed to this request and that connection charges paid by new customers should be considered contributions in aid of construction that offset the costs for the new service connection.¹ D.21-11-018 approved the Settlement Agreement and found that “[n]ew service connection fees shall be treated as contributions and used to offset the cost of replacement meters, if necessary.”²

The Facilities Fee or Connection Fee was removed from Schedule No. CA-FEEs via Advice Letter 1356, but corresponding changes to Rule 16 were inadvertently not made.

Request:

California American Water is requesting authorization to update its Rule 16 Tariff as set forth above and consistent with D.21-11-018.

¹ D.21-11-018, Appendix B at p.123.

² D.21-11-018, p.163.

Tier Designation:

These tariffs are submitted pursuant to General Order No.96-B and this advice letter is designated as a Tier 1 filing.

Effective Date:

California American Water requests an effective date of March 4, 2022 consistent with the effective date of Advice Letter 1353.

Service List

Service Lists – In accordance with the General Rules 4.3 and 7.2, and Water Industry Rule 4.1, of General Order (GO) 96-B, Cal-Am served copies of AL 1371 to adjacent utilities and other parties requesting such notification, on April 12, 2022. Please note that, consistent with the Commission’s guidelines for service during the COVID-19 pandemic, this advice letter is only being distributed electronically.

RESPONSE OR PROTEST³

Anyone may submit a response or protest for this AL. When submitting a response or protest, **please include the utility name and advice letter number in the subject line.**

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 grounds⁴ 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.
7. 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. 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. When submitting a response or protest, **please include the utility name and advice letter number in the subject line.**

The addresses for submitting a response or protest are:

³ G.O. 96-B, General Rule 7.4.1

⁴ G.O. 96-B, General Rule 7.4.2

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REPLIES⁵

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.

CALIFORNIA-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY

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⁵ G.O. 96-B, General Rule 7.4.3

Cal P.U.C. Sheet No.	Title of Sheet	Cancelling Cal P.U.C. Sheet No.
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Rule No. 16
SERVICE CONNECTIONS, METERS, AND CUSTOMER'S FACILITIES

Sheet 1

A. General Service to Previously Unserved Premises Abutting Existing Distribution Mains

1. Connections That Are the Utility's Responsibility

a. Location of Connection

- 1. In urban areas where existing distribution mains are within dedicated front streets, rear service roads, or public utility easements and a previously unserved Premise abut such a street, service road, or public utility easement, the utility will furnish and install the service pipe, curb stop, meter and meter box at for the purpose of connecting its distribution system to the customer's piping. The service connection, curb stop, meter and meter box will be installed at a convenient place in the sole discretion of the utility between the property line and the curb, or inside the customer's property line where necessary.
2. In areas which do not have dedicated front streets, rear service roads, or public utility easements and a previously unserved Premise abuts a distribution main, the utility will furnish and install the service pipe, curb stop, meter and meter box for the purpose of connecting its distribution system to the customer's piping. The service connection curb stop, meter and meter box will be provided at a convenient point on or near the customer's property in the sole discretion of the utility but in no case to a point beyond the service area.

b. Size of Service Pipe

The minimum size of service pipe installed pursuant to this section A by the utility will not be less than 3/4-inch nominal size. The maximum size of service pipe installed by the utility pursuant to Section A.1 will be 2-inch nominal. (T)

- 1. Premises will be presumed to require the minimum pipe size. Installation of a larger service pipe will only be in accordance with plans stamped by a licensed California engineer or a licensed California architect at the written direction of a fire or building official with jurisdiction over the Premise; or in the discretion of the utility if necessary to meet the minimum service requirements of General Order 103A. (T) (C)

- 2. Service to Premises requiring a service pipe larger than 2-inch nominal shall be deemed additional service requested by the customer, and the provision of such a service will be as specified in Section A.2 of this Rule. (C)

c. The service connection will determine the point of delivery of water service to the customer.

2. Additional Service Requested by the Customer (C)

Where a customer desires one or more of the following connections the service shall be deemed requested by the customer for purposes of this Rule: larger than 2-inch nominal in size; for private fire protection service; for temporary service; additional connections because of division of land ownership when the land before division was receiving service; other changes made at the request and as requested by the customer; or as otherwise provided in the utility's main extension rules. (C) (C) (C) (C)

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Table with 3 columns: (TO BE INSERTED BY UTILITY), ISSUED BY, (TO BE INSERTED BY C.P.U.C.). Row 1: Advice 1372, J. T. LINAM, Date Filed May 13, 2022. Row 2: Decision D. 21-11-018, DIRECTOR - Rates & Regulatory, Effective. Row 3: Resolution.

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Sheet 2

3. Installation. Only duly authorized employees or agents of the utility will be permitted to install a service pipe from the utility's main to the location of the service connection. The connection from the meter to the customer's piping will be made by the utility, provided, however, that if the customer's piping requires repair or replacement, the connection may at the option of the utility, be made by the customer or his agent. (T)

B. Customer's Responsibility for all Services

1. Condition Precedent to Receiving Service

The Customer as a condition precedent to receiving service shall:

- a. Pay required charges as specified in Section B.2.
- b. Furnish and lay the necessary piping to make the connection from the service connection to the place of consumption and shall keep such piping in good repair in accordance with such reasonable requirements of the utility as may be incorporated in its rules herein.
- c. Provide a main valve on the piping between the service connection and the point of customer use.
- d. Where service is to be rendered at or near the service area boundary for use beyond the service area, install, operate, and maintain the facilities necessary to provide service.
- e. The customer's piping shall extend to that point on the curb line or property line of easiest access to the utility from its existing distribution system or requiring the least extension of the existing distribution main. The utility shall be consulted before installation thereof and its approval of location secured

2. Charge for Service Connections

- a. For services that are the utility's responsibility per Section A.1 of this Rule, the customer shall pay any Special Facility Fees applicable to the Premises as specified in the applicable tariff sheet as the sole costs for making a connection pursuant to this Section A. (C)
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- b. For services provided as requested by the customer per Section A.2 of this Rule, the customer shall pay the actual construction cost, as well as any Special Facilities Fee applicable to the Premises as specified in the applicable tariff sheet. (C)
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3. Ownership and absence of Rental Obligation Where Facilities Are on Premise of Customer

- a. The service pipe, curb stop, meter, and meter box furnished by or on behalf of the utility and located wholly or partially upon a customer's premises are the property of the utility.
- b. No rent or other charge will be paid by the utility where the utility-owned service facilities are located on a customer's premises.

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SERVICE CONNECTIONS, METERS, AND CUSTOMER'S FACILITIES

Sheet 1

A. General Service to Previously Unserved Premises Abutting Existing Distribution Mains (C)

1. Connections That Are the Utility's Responsibility (C)

a. Location of Connection

1. In urban areas where existing distribution mains are within dedicated front streets, rear service roads, or public utility easements and a previously unserved Premise abut such a street, service road, or public utility easement, the utility will furnish and install the service pipe, curb stop, meter and meter box at for the purpose of connecting its distribution system to the customer's piping. The service connection, curb stop, meter and meter box will be installed at a convenient place in the sole discretion of the utility between the property line and the curb, or inside the customer's property line where necessary. (C)

2. In areas which do not have dedicated front streets, rear service roads, or public utility easements and a previously unserved Premise abuts a distribution main, the utility will furnish and install the service pipe, curb stop, meter and meter box for the purpose of connecting its distribution system to the customer's piping. The service connection curb stop, meter and meter box will be provided at a convenient point on or near the customer's property in the sole discretion of the utility but in no case to a point beyond the service area. (C)

b. Size of Service Pipe (C)

The minimum size of service pipe installed pursuant to this section A by the utility will not be less than 3/4-inch nominal size. The maximum size of service pipe installed by the utility pursuant to Section A.1 will be 2-inch nominal. (N)

1. Premises will be presumed to require the minimum pipe size. Installation of a larger service pipe will only be in accordance with; plans stamped by a licensed California engineer or a licensed California architect at the written direction of a fire or building official with jurisdiction over the Premise; or in the discretion of the utility if necessary to meet the minimum service requirements of General Order 103A.

2. Service to Premises requiring a service pipe larger than 2-inch nominal shall be deemed additional service for the convenience of the customer, and the provision of such a service will be as specified in Section A.2 of this Rule.

c. The service connection will determine the point of delivery of water service to the customer. (N)

2. Additional Service for the Convenience of the Customer (C)

Where a customer desires one of more connections: larger than 2-inch nominal in size; for private fire protection service; for temporary service; additional connections because of division of land ownership when the land before division was receiving service; other changes made at the request and for the convenience of the customer; or as otherwise provided in the utility's main extension rules, said service shall be deemed for the convenience of the customer for the purposes of this Rule and subject to service under Section A.1 of this Rule. (N)

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Sheet 2

- A. 3. Installation only duly authorized employees or agents of the utility will be permitted to install a service pipe from the utility's main to the location of the service connection. The connection from the meter to the customer's piping will be made by the utility, provided, however, that if the customer's piping requires repair or replacement, the connection may at the option of the utility, be made by the customer or his agent. (N)
- B. Customer's Responsibility for all Services
1. Condition Precedent to Receiving Service
The Customer as a condition precedent to receiving service shall:
- a. Pay required charges as specified in Section B.2.
 - b. Furnish and lay the necessary piping to make the connection from the service connection to the place of consumption and shall keep such piping in good repair in accordance with such reasonable requirements of the utility as may be incorporated in its rules herein.
 - c. Provide a main valve on the piping between the service connection and the point of customer use.
 - d. Where service is to be rendered at or near the service area boundary for use beyond the service area, install, operate, and maintain the facilities necessary to provide service.
 - e. The customer's piping shall extend to that point on the curb line or property line of easiest access to the utility from its existing distribution system or requiring the least extension of the existing distribution main. The utility shall be consulted before installation thereof and its approval of location secured
2. Charge for Service Connections
- a. For services provided by the Utility under Section A.1 of this Rule, the customer shall pay the Facility Fee as specified in Schedule CA Fees, as well as any special Facility Fees applicable to the Premises as specified in the applicable tariff sheet as the sole costs for making a connection pursuant to this Section A.
 - b. For services provided for the convenience of the customer, the customer shall pay;
 - 1. The Facility Fee as specified in Schedule CA Fees;
 - 2. Any Special Facilities Fee applicable to the Premises as specified in the applicable tariff sheet;
 - 3. The cost to install the desired service less the utility's estimated cost to install a comparable 2-inch nominal service
3. Ownership and absence of Rental Obligation Where Facilities Are on Premise of Customer
- a. The service pipe, curb stop, meter, and meter box furnished by or on behalf of the utility and located wholly or partially upon a customer's premises are the property of the utility.
 - b. No rent or other charge will be paid by the utility where the utility-owned service facilities are located on a customer's premises.

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