

CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
DIVISION OF WATER AND AUDITS

Advice Letter Cover Sheet

Utility Name: California American Water

Date Mailed to Service List: December 22, 2022

District: All Divisions

CPUC Utility #: U210W

Protest Deadline (20th Day): January 10, 2023

Advice Letter #: 1400

Review Deadline (30th Day): January 20, 2023

Tier 1 2 3 Compliance

Requested Effective Date: January 1, 2023

Authorization D.21-11-018

Rate Impact: \$See AL
See AL%

Description: 2023 ACAM Implementation – All Divisions

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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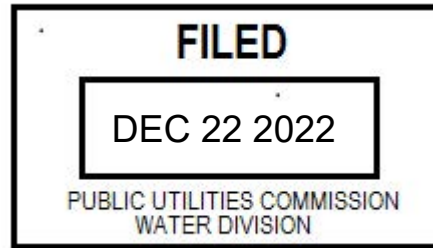
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December 22, 2022

ADVICE LETTER NO. 1400

TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

California-American Water Company (U210W) (California American Water) submits this advice letter applicable to its Northern Division, Central Division and Southern Division water customers. Fruitridge Vista and Chualar are excluded from the ACAM.

Purpose:

This advice letter is to comply with Decision (D.) 21-11-018 which states:

6. *California-American Water Company shall submit its 2023 escalation advice letters no later than 45 days prior to their effective date on January 1, 2023.*
7. *The Annual Consumption Adjustment Mechanism (ACAM) filings for 2022 shall be filed concurrently with the 2022 Escalation filings via Tier 2 advice letters as approved in Settlement 1. The ACAM filings shall be submitted 60 days from the effective date of this decision. Upon approval of the Tier 2 advice letter, California American Water will file a Tier 1 advice letter to implement new rates effective 45 days after the Tier 2 filing.*

Background:

California American Water was authorized to create a pilot ACAM in its Monterey Service Area in D.18-05-027. D.21-11-018 authorized the ACAM as a permanent program in Monterey in its Central Division, and also authorized California American Water to create new ACAM pilot programs in its Northern Division, Southern Division, and Central Satellite service area within its Central Division. Per D.21-11-018, the Fruitridge Vista and Chualar service areas are excluded from the ACAM pilots.

California American Water filed its 2023 Escalation Year rate filings in Advice Letters 1393, 1394, and 1395 on November 15, 2022. As ordered in D.21-11-018, California American Water concurrently filed its 2023 Annual Consumption Adjustment Mechanism ("ACAM") Advice Letters 1396, 1397, and 1398 for its Northern, Central, and Southern Divisions. The tariffs included in that filing reflected rate changes resulting from both the 2023 Escalation Year filings and the 2023 ACAM rates for all service areas. California American Water received an email communication from Water Division on December 13, 2022 requesting numbered tariffs for Advice Letters 1393, 1394, 1395, 1396, 1397, and 1398 with an effective date of January 1, 2023.

Request:

In compliance with D.21-11-018, California American Water is required to file a Tier 1 advice letter to implement new rates applicable to its Northern, Central and Southern Divisions and

California American Water requests authority to implement rate tariffs contained in Advice Letters 1396, 1397, and 1398. The rates will be effective January 1, 2023.

Tier Designation:

This advice letter is submitted pursuant to General Order No. 96-B and D.21-11-018 and is designated as a Tier 1 filing.

Effective Date:

California American Water requests an effective date of January 1, 2023.

Notice:

Pursuant to Section 4.3 of General Order No. 96-B, a copy of this advice letter is being provided to those entities listed in the attached "SERVICE LIST PURSUANT TO SECTION 4.3 OF G.O. NO. 96-B." Per guidance from the California Public Utilities Commission's Water Division, during the COVID-19 pandemic, advice letters will only be delivered electronically to the service list.

RESPONSE OR PROTEST¹

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 grounds² 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. 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:

¹ G.O. 96-B, General Rule 7.4.1

² G.O. 96-B, General Rule 7.4.2

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

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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.

REPLIES³

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.

The actions requested in this advice letter are not now the subject of any formal filings with the California Public Utilities Commission, including a formal complaint, nor action in any court of law.

This filing will not cause the withdrawal of service, nor conflict with other schedules or rules.

If you have not received a reply to your protest within 10 business days, please contact Nancy Hollingsworth at (916) 568-4209.

CALIFORNIA-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY

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³ G.O. 96-B, General Rule 7.4.3

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