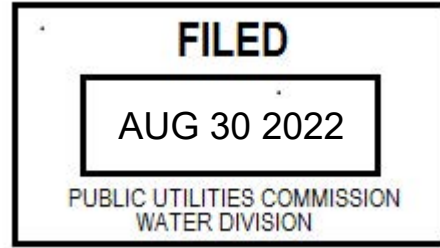




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August 30, 2022

Advice Letter No. 2457

CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE COMPANY (U 60 W)

To The Public Utilities Commission of the State of California:

California Water Service Company (“Cal Water”) hereby respectfully requests authority to make changes to the tariff schedules below for its Grand Oaks District. ***Please note that this advice letter will only be distributed electronically to the Water Division and the attached service lists.***

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Request

By AL 2457, Cal Water requests permission to increase its revenues (calculated as increases to the current quantity rate and service charge components on the tariff) by 7.0%, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for 2021. The projected revenue increase of \$1,103 will not result in a rate of return which exceeds the authorized rate of return of 12.75%. Workpapers justifying this increase will be provided.

Background

Cal Water acquired the Grand Oaks water system at the direction of the Commission in D.07-05-053, which authorized Cal Water to continue to operate the system as a stand-alone Class D water system without any time limitation.

The present rates became effective on December 30, 2008, pursuant to Advice Letter 1898, which authorized an offset (CPI) rate increase of \$1,347, or 9%.

Discussion

AL 2457 is filed pursuant to Ordering Paragraphs No. 1 of Decision 92-03-093 and Resolution W-4493, which authorized Class C and D water and sewer utilities to file a request for a CPI increase once a year by Advice Letter. The specific increase allowed for 2022 is 7%, identified in a letter dated February 1, 2022 from the Water Division as the CPI for 2021. The increase is to be passed on to the utility’s customers in their quantity rates and service charges.



Requested Effective Date

Under General Order 96-B, Water Industry Rule 7.3.1, this is a Tier 1 advice letter. Cal Water requests that the rates proposed in this advice letter become effective on **September 20, 2022**.

Notice

Customer Notice – Customer notice of Tier 1 advice letters is not required under General Order 96-B, General Rule 4.2. In accordance with General Order 96-B, General Rule 3.2 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. Cal Water is also providing advance notice of the proposed increase in the bill that precedes the rate increase.

Service List – In accordance with General Order 96-B, General Rule 4.3 and 7.2 and Water Industry Rule 4.1, a copy of this advice letter will be transmitted electronically on **August 30, 2022**, to competing and adjacent utilities and other utilities or interested parties having requested such notification, including the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO). ***Please note that this advice letter will only be distributed electronically to the Water Division and the attached service lists.***

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 re-litigating 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 and must be received by the Water Division within 20 days of the date this advice letter is filed. Please submit the response or protest by email or mail to:



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water.division@cpuc.ca.gov, or
Tariff Unit, Water Division, 3rd floor
California Public Utilities Commission,
505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102

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

cwsrates@calwater.com, or
Natalie Wales
California Water Service Company
1720 North First Street,
San Jose, California 95112

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.

The advice letter process does not provide for any responses, protests, or comments, except for the utility's reply, after the 20-day comment period.

Replies:

The utility shall reply to each protest and may reply to any response. Each reply must be received by the Water Division within 5 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. If you have not received a reply to your protest within 10 business days, contact California Water Service Company at 408-367-8200 and ask for the Rates Department.

CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE COMPANY

_____/s/
Albree Jewell
Rates Analyst

Enclosures

cc: Syreeta Gibbs (Public Advocates Office), PublicAdvocatesWater@cpuc.ca.gov

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Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No. 12621-W

Schedule No. GO-R-1
Grand Oaks Service Area
RESIDENTIAL METERED SERVICE

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APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all residential metered water service.

TERRITORY

A portion of the community of Tehachapi, Kern County.

RATES

Quantity Rates:

All water delivered, per 100 cu. Ft. \$1.1361 (I)

Service Charge:

		<u>Per Meter Per Month</u>	
For	5/8 x 3/4 - inch meter	\$13.36	(I)
For	3/4 - inch meter	\$20.05	
For	1 - inch meter	\$33.42	
For	1-1/2 - inch meter	\$66.83	
For	2 - inch meter	\$106.94	(I)

The service charge is a readiness-to-serve charge that is applicable to all metered service and to which is added the charge for water used computed at the quantity rates.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. All bills are subject to the reimbursement fees set forth on Schedule UF.
2. All bills are subject to the surcharges set forth on Schedule PB.

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(To be inserted by utility)
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Decision

Issued By
Greg A. Milleman
Vice President

(To be inserted by CPUC)
Date Filed _____
Effective _____
Resolution _____



Grand Oaks District
ADVICE LETTER FILING MAILING LIST
PER SECTION III (G) OF GENERAL ORDER NO. 96-A

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