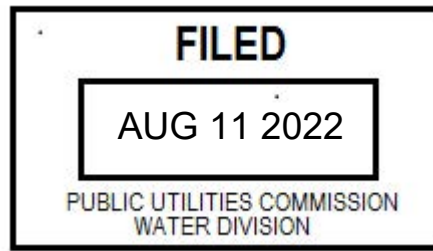






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Advice Letter No. 328-W

August 11, 2022

## **TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Liberty Utilities (Park Water) Corp. (U 314-W) (“Liberty Park Water”) hereby transmits for filing the attached revised tariff sheets applicable to water service in its service territory.

### **Summary**

The purpose of this advice letter is to request Commission approval of an increase in rates of \$1,196,488, or 3.33%, to offset increases in purchased water rates and replenishment assessments for Liberty Park Water.

This advice letter also requests approval of an increase in rates for the Mesa-Crest service territory of \$34,779, or 2.06%, to offset purchased water rates.

Pursuant to Water Industry Rule 7.3 of General Order 96-B as modified by Resolution W-4664, this expense offset advice letter is classified as Tier 1.

### **Background and Discussion**

The present base rates for Liberty Park Water were established by Advice Letter 316-W. Purchased water expenses reflected in present rates are based on purchased water rates effective July 1, 2018.

#### **Central Basin Municipal Water District**

Liberty Park Water purchases potable water from the Central Basin Municipal Water District (“CBMWD”). Effective July 1, 2022, CBMWD raised its rates for deliveries of water to \$1,313 per acre-foot. In addition, CBMWD revised additional fees including the service charge and capacity charge resulting in a \$747,270 increase in Liberty Park Water’s annual purchased potable water expense above the amount currently reflected in rates.

Liberty Park Water also purchases reclaimed (non-potable) water from CBMWD. Effective July 1, 2022, CMBWD raised its rates for reclaimed water to \$790 per acre-foot, resulting in a \$18,613 increase in Liberty Park Water’s annual purchased reclaimed water expense above the amount currently reflected in rates.

Liberty Park Water pays a replenishment assessment to the Water Replenishment District of Southern California (“WRD”) for all water pumped. Effective July 1, 2022, WRD increased its rates to \$411 per acre-foot, resulting in a \$421,272 annual increase above the amount currently reflected in rates.

These increased revenues will generate an estimated \$9,333 increase in uncollectible expense and franchise fees expense above the amounts currently reflected in rates. To recover the above increased costs, Liberty Park Water requests an offset increase of \$1,196,488, or 3.33%, of its 2021 authorized revenue requirement.

Liberty Park Water proposes to recover these increased costs through an increase to the commodity rate in Schedule No. PR-1-R, Residential Meter Service and Schedule No. PR-1-NR, Non-Residential Metered Service of \$0.292 per Ccf, and Schedule No. PR-6, Reclaimed Water Service of \$0.157 per Ccf.

**Foothill Municipal Water District**

Liberty Park Water also purchases potable water from the Foothill Municipal Water District (“FMWD”) for its La Canada Flintridge (formally known as Mesa Crest) service area. Effective January 1, 2022, FMWD raised its rates for deliveries of water to \$1,143 per acre-foot.

Liberty Park Water also pays capacity, readiness-to-serve, capital and rehabilitation, and administrative and operating charges to FMWD on a monthly basis. Effective January 1, 2022, FMWD increased the capacity charge to \$1,791 per month, and the readiness-to-serve charge to \$3,091 per month. The capital and rehabilitation charge of \$1,750 per month was reduced from \$3,123 and there was no change to the administrative and operating charges of \$13,669 per month.

These updated charges result in purchased water expense of \$34,577 above the amount currently reflected in Liberty Park Water’s rates.

These increased revenues will generate an estimated \$202 increase in franchise fees above the amount currently reflected in Liberty Park Water’s rates.

To recover the above increased costs, Liberty Park Water requests an offset increase of \$34,779 or 2.06%, of its 2020 authorized revenue requirement.

Liberty Park Water proposes to recover these increased costs through an increase to the commodity rate in Schedule No. ME-1-R General Metered Service of \$0.129 per Ccf.

The Commission staff has been provided workpapers in accordance with Standard Practice U-27-W. The workpapers show the derivation of the above amounts, as well as the development of proposed rates to allow for recovery of these costs.

There have been no other compensating changes in revenues, expenses, or rate base that would offset the effect of these cost increases.

The increased rates proposed in this advice letter will only recover increased expenses and will not provide additional profits for Liberty Park Water.

**Effective Date**

Pursuant to General Rule 7.3.2 of General Order 96-B, Liberty Park Water requests this filing become effective September 12, 2022.

**Notice and Service**

In accordance with General Order 96-B, General Rules 4.3 and 7.2 and Water Industry Rule 4.1, a copy of this advice letter will be mailed or electronically transmitted on August 11, 2022 to competing and adjacent utilities and other utilities or interested parties having requested such notification.

In accordance with Resolution W-4664, notice is not required. Liberty Park will include notice of the rate change within the bill during the first billing period the increase is in effect.

**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 upon 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;
- (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 or by electronic mail and must be received by the Division of Water within 20 days of the date this advice letter is filed. The address for mailing or delivering a protest is:

Tariff Unit, Water Division, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor  
California Public Utilities Commission  
505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102  
[Water.division@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:Water.division@cpuc.ca.gov)

On the same date the response or protest is submitted to the Water Division, the respondent or protestant shall send a copy by mail (or e-mail) to Liberty Park Water, addressed to:

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E-Mail: [AdviceLetterService@libertyutilities.com](mailto:AdviceLetterService@libertyutilities.com)

Cities and counties that need Board of Supervisors or Board of Commissioners approval to protest should inform the Division of Water and Audits 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.

If you have not received a reply to your protest within 10 business days, please contact Tiffany Thong at [Tiffany.Thong@libertyutilities.com](mailto:Tiffany.Thong@libertyutilities.com).

Very truly yours,

LIBERTY UTILITIES (PARK WATER) CORP.

*/s/ Tiffany Thong*

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**SCHEDULE NO. ME-1-R**

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**GENERAL METERED SERVICE**

**APPLICABILITY**

Applicable to all metered water service except that provided to construction and other temporary customers.

**TERRITORY**

The vicinity of La Cañada, Los Angeles County.

**RATES**

Quantity Rates:

All water used per 100 cu. ft. .... \$ 5.586 (I)

Per Meter  
Per Month

Service Charges:

For 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter ..... \$ 19.20  
For 3/4-inch meter ..... \$ 28.82  
For 1-inch meter ..... \$ 48.03  
For 1 1/2-inch meter ..... \$ 96.04  
For 2-inch meter ..... \$153.66  
For 3-inch meter ..... \$288.07  
For 4-inch meter ..... \$480.18

This Service Charge is a readiness-to-serve charge which is applicable to all metered services and to which is to be added the monthly charge computed at the Quantity Rates.

**SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

1. A late charge will be imposed per Schedule No. LC.
2. 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.
3. All bills are subject to the reimbursement fee set forth on Schedule No. UF.

**SCHEDULE NO. PR-1-NR**

**NON-RESIDENTIAL METERED SERVICE**

**APPLICABILITY**

Applicable to all metered water services except that provided to single-family residential customers.

**TERRITORY**

Within all service areas of Los Angeles County as delineated in the service area maps included in the tariff schedules.

**RATES**

Quantity Rates:

All water used per 100 cu. ft. .... \$ 6.799 **(I)**

Per Meter  
Per Month

Service Charges:

For 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter .....	\$ 21.05
For 3/4-inch meter .....	\$ 31.48
For 1-inch meter .....	\$ 52.63
For 1 1/2-inch meter .....	\$ 105.25
For 2-inch meter .....	\$ 168.40
For 3-inch meter .....	\$ 315.75
For 4-inch meter .....	\$ 526.25
For 6-inch meter .....	\$1,052.50
For 8-inch meter .....	\$1,684.00
For 10-inch meter .....	\$2,420.75
For 12-inch meter .....	\$3,473.25

This Service Charge is a readiness-to-serve charge which is applicable to all metered services and to which is to be added the monthly charge computed at the Quantity Rates.

**SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

1. All charges under this schedule to customers in the City of Norwalk are subject to a surcharge of 2.04 percent.
2. A late charge will be imposed per Schedule No. LC.
3. 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.
4. All bills are subject to the reimbursement fee set forth on Schedule No. UF.

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**SCHEDULE NO. PR-1-R**

**RESIDENTIAL METERED SERVICE**

**APPLICABILITY**

Applicable to all metered water services provided to single-family residential customers.

**TERRITORY**

Within all service areas of Los Angeles County as delineated in the service area maps included in the tariff schedules.

**RATES**

Quantity Rates:

For the first 800 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet	\$ 6.468	(I)
For all over 800 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet	\$ 7.394	(I)

Service Charge:	Per Meter
	<u>Per Month</u>
For 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter .....	\$ 21.05
For 3/4-inch meter .....	\$ 31.58
For 1-inch meter .....	\$ 52.63
For 1 1/2-inch meter .....	\$ 105.25
For 2-inch meter .....	\$ 168.40
For 3-inch meter .....	\$ 315.75
For 4-inch meter .....	\$ 526.25
For 6-inch meter .....	\$1,052.50
For 8-inch meter .....	\$1,684.00
For 10-inch meter .....	\$2,420.75
For 12-inch meter .....	\$3,473.25

This Service Charge is a readiness-to-serve charge, which is applicable to all metered services and to which is to be added the monthly charge computed at the Quantity Rates.

**SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

1. All charges under this schedule to customers in the City of Norwalk are subject to a surcharge of 2.04 percent.
2. A late charge will be imposed per Schedule No. LC.
3. 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.
4. All bills are subject to the reimbursement fee set forth on Schedule No. UF.

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**RECLAIMED WATER SERVICE**

**APPLICABILITY**

Applicable to all meter reclaimed water service.

**TERRITORY**

Within all service areas in Los Angeles County as delineated on the service area maps included in the tariff schedules.

**RATES**

Quantity Rate:

For all water delivered per 100 cubic feet \$ 5.698 (I)

Service Charge:

	<u>Per Meter</u> <u>Per Month</u>
For 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter .....	\$ 21.05
For 3/4-inch meter .....	\$ 31.58
For 1-inch meter .....	\$ 52.63
For 1 1/2-inch meter .....	\$ 105.25
For 2-inch meter .....	\$ 168.40
For 3-inch meter .....	\$ 315.75
For 4-inch meter .....	\$ 526.25
For 6-inch meter .....	\$1,052.50
For 8-inch meter .....	\$1,684.00
For 10-inch meter .....	\$2,420.75
For 12-inch meter .....	\$3,473.25

The Service Charge is a readiness-to-serve charge applicable to all metered service and to which is to be added the charge for water used computed at Quantity Rates.

**SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

1. The user (customer) is responsible for on-site compliance with local, state, or federal regulations that may apply to the use of an approved reclaimed water source.
2. All charges under this schedule to customers in the City of Norwalk are subject to a surcharge of 2.04 percent.
3. A late charge will be imposed per Schedule No. LC.
4. All bills are subject to the reimbursement fee set forth on Schedule No. UF.

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