

**CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
DIVISION OF WATER AND AUDITS**

**Advice Letter Cover Sheet**

**Utility Name:** Bakman Water Company ("BWC")

**Date Mailed to Service List:** 5/13/2022

**CPUC Utility #:** WTB-219

**Protest Deadline (20<sup>th</sup> Day):** 6/2/2022

**Advice Letter #:** AL 104

**Review Deadline (30<sup>th</sup> Day):** 6/12/2022

**Tier**     1     2     3     Compliance

**Requested Effective Date:** Upon filing

**Authorization** D. 92-03-093 et al

**Rate Impact:** \$ 219,410

**Description:** 2021 Consumer Price Index Adjustment

7.00 %

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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**Utility Contact:** Richard Tim Bakman

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**DWA USE ONLY**

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STAFF

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**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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May 13, 2022

Public Utilities Commission  
Of the State of California  
505 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, California 94102

RE: Bakman Water Company (WTB-219) Advice Letter No. 104

TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Bakman Water Company (BWC) hereby transmits for filing one original and one copy of this Advice Letter (AL) and the following Tariff Schedules which are enclosed:

<u>CPUC Sheet No.</u>	<u>Title of Sheet</u>	<u>Cancelling Sheet No.</u>
632-W	Schedule No. 1, General Metered Service	625-W
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**REQUEST**

By AL 104, BWC requests permission to increase its revenues (based on increase to the present monthly quantity rate and service charge) by 7.0%, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for 2021. This projected revenue increase of \$219,410 will not result in a rate of margin which exceeds the authorized rate of margin of 21.60%. Workpapers justifying this increase have been provided to the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) Water Division (WD).

**BACKGROUND**

The present rates became effective pursuant to Advice Letter No. 94-A, which implemented the last general rate increase. The last general rate increase became effective on March 27, 2020, pursuant to Resolution W-5217, which authorized a general rate increase of \$886,707, or 39.45%, and a rate of margin of 21.60%.

On March 31, 1992, the Commission issued Decision (D.) 92-03-093, authorizing Class C and D water utilities to file each year by advice letter for a rate increase based on the most recent year-end increase in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U). Subsequent Resolutions (Res.) W-4493 (9/2/2004), Res. W-4540 (6/16/2005), and Res. W-4658 (9/20/2007), authorized sewer and Class B water utilities to file a CPI-U advice letter each year.

AL 104 is filed pursuant to Ordering Paragraphs No. 1 of D.92-03-093 and Res. W-4493, and Ordering Paragraph No. 4 of Res. W-4540. The decision and resolutions authorize Class B, C and D water and sewer utilities to file a request for a CPI increase once a year by AL. The increase is to be passed on to the utility's customers in their quantity rate and service charge. The above referenced decision and resolutions authorize BWC to file the attached rate schedules and to concurrently withdraw and cancel its present schedules for such service.

### **TIER DESIGNATION AND REQUESTED EFFECTIVE DATE**

This AL and the enclosed tariff sheets are submitted pursuant to General Order (GO.) 96-B. AL 104 is designated as a Tier 1 AL and the enclosed tariff sheets will become effective upon filing.<sup>1</sup>

### **NOTICE**

This AL does not require notice;<sup>2</sup> however, 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.<sup>3</sup> A copy of this AL has been served to all parties listed on the service list<sup>4</sup> on the last page of this AL. This filing will not cause withdrawal of service nor conflict with any other schedule or rule.

### **RESPONSE OR PROTEST<sup>5</sup>**

Anyone may respond to or protest this AL. 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 grounds 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.

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<sup>1</sup> GO. 96-B, Water Industry Rule 7.3.1

<sup>2</sup> GO. 96-B, General Rule 4.2

<sup>3</sup> GO. 96-B, General Rule 3.2

<sup>4</sup> GO. 96-B, Water Industry Rule 4.1

<sup>5</sup> GO. 96-B, General Rule 7.4.1

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. WD must receive a response or protest via email (or postal mail) within 20 days of the date the AL is filed.

The address for mailing or delivering a response or protest is:

**Email Address:**

Water.Division@cpuc.ca.gov

**Mailing Address:**

California Public Utilities Commission  
Water Division, 3rd Floor  
505 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94102

On the same day the response or protest is submitted to WD, the respondent or protestant shall send a copy of the protest to BWC at:

**Email Address:**

Shay@bakmanwater.com

**Mailing Address:**

Shaymus Bakman, Vice President  
Bakman Water Company  
5105 East Belmont Avenue  
Fresno, CA 93727  
Fax: (559) 255-3291

Cities and Counties that need Board of Supervisors or Board of Commissioners approval to protest should inform WD, 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. Any reply must be received by WD 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.<sup>6</sup>

Best Regards,  
BAKMAN WATER COMPANY



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By: R. Shaymus Bakman  
Its: Vice President

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<sup>6</sup> GO. 96-B, General Rule 7.4.3



## **SERVICE LIST**

A copy of Advice Letter No. 104 (including Cover) has been mailed to the following organizations:

### **Parties**

Richard Tim Bakman, President  
Bakman Water Company  
P.O. Box 7965  
Fresno, CA 93747  
For: Bakman Water Company

### **State Service**

Mr. Bruce DeBerry  
California Public Utilities Commission  
Water Division, Room 3200  
505 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94102-3214

### **Information Only**

Public Works Director  
Madera County Public Works  
200 W. 4th Street  
Madera, CA 93637

Nick Bruno, President  
Root Creek Water District  
P.O. Box 27950  
Fresno, CA 93729

Mr. Henry McLaughlin  
Management Analyst III  
City of Fresno, Water Division  
1910 East University Avenue  
Fresno, CA 93703-2927

County of Fresno  
Public Works and Planning Department  
2220 Tulare Street, 6th Floor  
Fresno, CA 93721-2102

I hereby certify that the above service list has been served a copy of AL 104 on May 13, 2022.

Executed in Fresno, California on the 13th day of May 2022.

BAKMAN WATER COMPANY

By: R. Shaymus Bakman  
Its: Vice President

BAKMAN WATER COMPANY  
(WTB-219)  
Summary of Earnings  
Earnings Test Calculation

Category	Most Recent Adopted in Resolution W-5217	Actual 2021	CPI Adjustment @ 7.0% on Recent Adopted Revenue Only	Revenues After CPI Increase, Actual Expenses, & Actual Rate Base
	<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c = a*7.0%</i>	<i>(Revenues) d = b+c</i>
<b>Operating Revenues:</b>				
Flat Rate		\$ 1,366,562		
Metered		\$ 2,016,418		
Fire Protection Revenue		\$ 157,745		
Other Water Revenue		\$ -		
<b>TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 3,134,434</b>	<b>\$ 3,540,725</b>	<b>\$ 219,410</b>	<b>\$ 3,760,135</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>				
Purchased Water	\$ 52,764	\$ 59,391		\$ 59,391
Purchased Power	\$ 373,328	\$ 506,092		\$ 506,092
Purchased Chemicals	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
Other Volume Related Expenses	\$ 76,800	\$ -		\$ -
Employee Labor	\$ 251,384	\$ 378,667		\$ 378,667
Materials	\$ 33,636	\$ 154,059		\$ 154,059
Contract Work	\$ 41,624	\$ 36,255		\$ 36,255
Water Testing	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
Transportation Expense	\$ 68,332	\$ 84,364		\$ 84,364
Other Plant Maintenance	\$ 106,576	\$ 186,205		\$ 186,205
Office Salaries	\$ 233,251	\$ 249,293		\$ 249,293
Management Salaries	\$ 219,500	\$ 224,750		\$ 224,750
Employee pension and Benefits	\$ 199,939	\$ 268,721		\$ 268,721
Uncollectable Accounts	\$ 6,555	\$ 800		\$ 800
Office Services and Rentals	\$ 134,219	\$ 161,967		\$ 161,967
Office Supplies and Expenses	\$ 117,735	\$ 162,227		\$ 162,227
Professional Services	\$ 100,132	\$ 335,175		\$ 335,175
Insurance	\$ 48,500	\$ 75,812		\$ 75,812
Regulatory Commission Expense	\$ 24,910	\$ 360		\$ 360
General Expenses	\$ 108,366	\$ 98,402		\$ 98,402
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,197,551</b>	<b>\$ 2,982,540</b>		<b>\$ 2,982,540</b>
Depreciation	\$ 161,640	\$ 177,134		\$ 177,134
Taxes Other than Income	\$ 67,673	\$ 87,791		\$ 87,791
State and Federal Income Taxes	\$ 198,003	\$ 62,794		\$ 62,794
Interest	\$ -	\$ 599		\$ 599
<b>TOTAL DEDUCTIONS</b>	<b>\$ 2,624,867</b>	<b>\$ 3,310,858</b>		<b>\$ 3,310,858</b>
<b>NET REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 509,567</b>	<b>\$ 229,867</b>		<b>\$ 449,277</b>
<b>RATE BASE</b>				
Average Plant	\$ 10,525,416	\$ 11,971,635		\$ 11,971,635
Less Average Accumulated Depreciation	\$ 5,352,345	\$ 6,111,509		\$ 6,111,509
<b>NET PLANT</b>	<b>\$ 5,173,071</b>	<b>\$ 5,860,126</b>		<b>\$ 5,860,126</b>
Less Advances & Contributions	\$ 5,487,697	\$ 6,440,573		\$ 6,440,573
Plus Materials & Supplies	\$ 20,514	\$ 27,750		\$ 27,750
Plus Working Cash	\$ 183,129	\$ 136,242		\$ 136,242
<b>RATE BASE</b>	<b>\$ (110,983)</b>	<b>\$ (416,455)</b>		<b>\$ (416,455)</b>
<b>RATE OF RETURN</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>		<b>N/A</b>
<b>RATE OF MARGIN (1-(Op. Ex./Op. Rev.))</b>	<b>21.6%</b>	<b>7.3%</b>		<b>14.2%</b>

**BAKMAN WATER COMPANY**  
Schedule No. 1  
**GENERAL METERED SERVICE**

**APPLICABILITY**

Applicable to all metered water service.

**TERRITORY**

The area bounded by Olive Avenue, East Kings Canyon Road, Winery Avenue and Fowler Avenue, located approximately 1-1/2 miles east of Fresno, and vicinity, Fresno County.

**RATES**

Quantity Rates:

All water used, per 100 cu. ft. \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 1.78 (1)

Service Charge:

		Per Meter	
		Per Month	
For 5/8x3/4-inch meter	_____	\$ 8.65	(1)
For 3/4-inch meter	_____	\$ 8.65	
For 1-inch meter	_____	\$ 14.32	
For 1-1/2-inch meter	_____	\$ 28.64	
For 2-inch meter	_____	\$ 45.83	
For 3-inch meter	_____	\$ 85.92	
For 4-inch meter	_____	\$ 143.20	
For 6-inch meter	_____	\$ 286.40	
For 8-inch meter	_____	\$ 458.24	
For 10-inch meter	_____	\$ 658.71	(1)

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

1. The established billing cycle for General Metered Service is every two months.
2. All bills are subject to the reimbursement fee set forth on Schedule No. UF.

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**BAKMAN WATER COMPANY**  
Schedule No. 2  
**GENERAL FLAT RATE SERVICE**

**APPLICABILITY**

Applicable to all flat rate water service.

**TERRITORY**

The area bounded by Olive Avenue, East Kings Canyon Road, Winery Avenue and Fowler Avenue, located approximately 1-1/2 miles east of Fresno, and vicinity, Fresno County.

**RATES**

**Per Service Connection Per Month**

	Connection Charge	
1. For each single family residential unit including premises not exceeding 14,000 square feet in area.....	\$ 45.30	(1)
2. For a multiple residential unit, including two units and premises.....	\$ 63.95	(1)
a. For each additional unit.....	\$ 31.96	(1)
3. For each business establishment with one toilet and wash basin and served from a 3/4-inch service connection.....	\$ 27.99	(1)
4. For each business establishment served from a 1-inch service connection.....	\$ 89.57	(1)
5. For a 2-inch service connection to Raintree Nursing Home.....	\$ 223.74	(1)
6. For a 4-inch service connection to School No. 2 (Turner School).....	\$ 583.70	(1)

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**BAKMAN WATER COMPANY**  
Schedule No. 4  
**PRIVATE FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE**

**APPLICABILITY**

Applicable to all water service furnished for privately owned fire protection systems.

**TERRITORY**

The area bounded by Olive Avenue, East Kings Canyon Road, Winery Avenue and Fowler Avenue, located approximately 1-1/2 miles east of Fresno, and vicinity, Fresno County.

**RATE**

Per Month

For each inch of diameter of service connection..... \$ 9.48 (1)

**SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

1. The fire protection service connection shall be installed by the utility and the cost paid by the applicant. Such payment shall not be subject to refund.
2. The minimum diameter for the private fire service connection will be 4 inches. The maximum diameter shall not be larger than the diameter of the water main to which the private fire service facilities are connected.
3. If a distribution main of adequate size to serve a private fire protection system in addition to all other normal service does not exist in the street or alley adjacent to the premises to be served, then a service main from the nearest existing main of adequate capacity shall be installed by the utility and the cost paid by the applicant. Such payment shall not be subject to refund.
4. Service hereunder is for private protection systems to which no connections for other than fire protection purposes are allowed and which are regularly inspected by the underwriters having jurisdiction, and installed according to specifications of the utility, and are maintained to the satisfaction of the utility. The utility may install a standard detector type meter approved by the Board of Fire Underwriters for protections against theft, leakage, or waste of water and with the cost paid by the applicant. Such payment shall not be subject to refund.
5. The utility undertakes to supply only such water at such pressure as may be available at any time through the normal operation of its system.

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**BAKMAN WATER COMPANY**  
Schedule No. 5  
**PUBLIC FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE**

**APPLICABILITY**

Applicable to all fire hydrant service furnished to municipalities, duly organized fire districts, and other political subdivisions of the State.

**TERRITORY**

The area bounded by Olive Avenue, East Kings Canyon Road, Winery Avenue and Fowler Avenue, located approximately 1-1/2 miles east of Fresno, and vicinity, Fresno County.

**RATE**

Per Month

For each hydrant ..... \$ 14.77 (1)

**SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

1. For water delivered for other than fire protection purposes, charges shall be made at the quantity rate under Schedule No. 1, General Metered Service.
2. Relocation of any fire hydrant shall be at the expense of the party requesting relocation.
3. Fire hydrants shall be attached to the utility's distribution mains upon receipt of proper authorization from the appropriate public agency. Such authorization shall designate the specific location at which each is to be installed.
4. The utility shall supply only such water at such pressure as may be available from time to time as a result of the normal operation of the system.

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**BAKMAN WATER COMPANY**  
Schedule No. RH-1  
**GENERAL FLAT RATE SERVICE**

**APPLICABILITY**

Applicable to all flat rate water service to the Rolling Hills Customer Service Area.

**TERRITORY**

The unincorporated community of Rolling Hills, Madera County.

**RATES**

Per Service Connection Per Month

	<u>Connection Charge</u>	
1. For water delivered for domestic use to residents and business establishments.....	\$ 68.95	(1)

**SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

1. All bills are subject to the reimbursement fee set forth on Schedule No. UF.

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