

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

**Advice Letter Cover Sheet**

**Utility Name:** Bass Lake Water Company

**Dated Mailed to Service List:** 8/30/2022

**District:** N/A

**CPUC Utility #:** WTC-190

**Protest Deadline (20th Day):** 9/19/2022

**Advice Letter #:** 88

**Review Deadline (30th Day):** 9/29/2022

**Tier:**  1  2  3  Compliance

**Requested Effective Date:** ASAP

**Authorization:** D. 92-03-093

**Rate Impact:** \$57,826  
7.0%

**Description:** 2021 CPI-U (7%)

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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DWA USE ONLY		
DATE	STAFF	COMMENTS

APPROVED

WITHDRAWN

REJECTED

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

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

# Bass Lake Water Company

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August 30, 2022

Advice Letter No.: 88

TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Bass Lake Water Company (WTC-190) hereby transmits for filing one original and one copy of this advice letter (AL) and the following tariff sheets which are enclosed:

<u>NEW SHEET #</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>CANCELLING SHEET #</u>
516-W	Schedule No. 1, General Metered Service	513-W
517-W	Schedule No. 2, Annual Residential Flat Rate Service	514-W
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## REQUEST

By AL 88, Bass Lake Water Company requests permission to increase its revenues (based on increase to the present monthly quantity rate and service charge) by 7%, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for 2021. This projected revenue increase of \$57,826 will not result in a rate of return which exceeds the authorized rate of return. Workpapers justifying this increase are enclosed.

## BACKGROUND

The present rates became effective on June 9, 2021 by AL #85. (2020 CPI increase)

The last general rate case became effective on April 24, 2021, pursuant to Resolution W-5235, which authorized a rate base offset rate increase of \$200,807, or 23.35% with an annual rate of return of 8.64%.

AL 88 is filed pursuant to Ordering Paragraphs No. 1 of Decision 92-03-093 and Resolution W-4493, which authorize Class 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.

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

This AL and the enclosed tariff sheets are submitted pursuant to General Order (GO.) 96-B. This advice letter is designated as a Tier 1 filing 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 serviced 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>2</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 omission;
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 this AL is filed. The addresses for submitting a response or protest are:

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<sup>1</sup> GO. 96-B, Water Industry Rule 7.3.3

<sup>2</sup> GO. 96-B, General Rule 7.4.1

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### **RESPONSE OR PROTEST (continued)<sup>2</sup>**

**Email Address:**  
[Water.Division@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto: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 DWA, the respondent or protestant shall send a copy of the protest to Lawrence Morales at:

**Email Address:**  
[steveuw@basslakerealty.com](mailto:steveuw@basslakerealty.com)

**Mailing Address:**  
Bass Lake Water Company  
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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.

### **REPLIES**

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.<sup>3</sup>

This filing is made under the provisions of General Order No. 96-B.

This filing will not cause withdrawal of service or conflict with any other schedule or rule.

By:  Bass Lake Water Company  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Stephen R. Welch  
President

<sup>3</sup> GO. 96-B, General Rule 7.4.3

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## SERVICE LIST

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Oakhurst, CA 93644  
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Yosemite Spring Park Utility Company  
Attn: Layton Gillette, General Manager  
[laytong@yloa.org](mailto:laytong@yloa.org)

Madera County  
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[mcpublicworks@madera-county.com](mailto:mcpublicworks@madera-county.com)

California American Water  
[Thomas.Brunet@amwater.com](mailto:Thomas.Brunet@amwater.com)

I hereby certify that the above service list has been served a copy of AL 88 on AUGUST 30, 2022.

Executed in Bass Lake, California on AUGUST 30, 2022.

Bass Lake Water Company  
By:   
\_\_\_\_\_  
Stephen R. Welch  
President

Schedule No. 1  
ANNUAL METERED SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all metered service furnished on an annual basis.

TERRITORY

The northwest shore of Bass Lake including the Falls and Bass Lake and vicinity, Madera County.

RATES

	<u>Per Meter</u> <u>Per Month</u>
Quantity Rates:	
All water, per 100 cubic feet	\$ 1.90 (l)
 Annual Service Charges:	
	<u>Per Meter</u> <u>Per Year</u>
For 5/8x3/4-inch meter	\$ 341.50 (l)
For 3/4-inch meter	512.26
For 1-inch meter	853.76
For 1-1/2-inch meter	1,707.49
For 2-inch meter	2,645.70
For 3-inch meter	5,122.48
For 4-inch meter	17,074.83 (l)

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 for water used computed at the Quantity Rates.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

- Multi-family apartment complexes may be independently metered or served from one meter. If they are served from one meter, the monthly or bimonthly consumption shall be divided by the number of active units to calculate the commodity charge. Then that result will be multiplied by the number of active units to arrive at the appropriate service charge for the meter. Service under this condition is subject to approval by the utility.

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		Resolution No. _____

Schedule No. 2  
ANNUAL RESIDENTIAL FLAT RATE SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all flat rate residential service furnished on an annual basis.

TERRITORY

The northwest shore of Bass Lake including the Falls and Bass Lake and vicinity, Madera County.

RATES

		Per Connection Per Year Charge
For a single family resident unit		
3/4 inch service	-----	\$ 1,023.98 (I)
1 inch service	-----	1,706.54 (I)
1 1/4 inch service	-----	2,559.93 (I)
1 1/2 inch service	-----	3,413.36 (I)
2 inch service	-----	5,461.62 (I)
For each additional single-family unit on the same premises and served from the same service connection		
	-----	\$ 766.03 (I)

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

- The annual service charge applies to service during the 12-month period commencing January 1, and is due in advance. If a permanent resident of the area has been a customer of the utility for at least 12 months, he or she may elect, at the beginning of the calendar year, to pay prorated service charges in advance at intervals of less than one year (monthly, bimonthly, or quarterly) in accordance with the utility's established billing periods. A non-permanent resident may elect to pay the annual charge in two equal installments. Where such a resident has failed to pay the first half of the annual charge due January 1, service will not be restored until the annual charge has been paid.

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BASS LAKE WATER COMPANY  
ATTACHMENT TO ADVICE LETTER 88  
SUMMARY OF EARNINGS  
2021

CATEGORY	A 1	A 2	A 3	A 4 = A 1 + A 2 + A 3	B	C = (A 4 x 7%)	D = (B + C)
	ADOPTED W-4544	RBO W-4741	2020 RBO W-5235	ADOPTED QUANTITIES	(PER ANN RPT) ACTUAL 2021	CPI INCREASE @ 7%	AFTER INCREASED REVENUES
<b>Operating Revenues:</b>							
Metered	57,815	14,078	20,540	92,433	103,870	6,470	110,340
Flat	445,874	108,570	179,215	733,659	918,369	51,356	969,725
Irrigation	-	-	1,053	1,053	3,080	-	3,080
Other Water Revenue	-	-	-	-	21,055	-	21,055
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Operating Revenue</b>	<b>503,689</b>	<b>122,648</b>	<b>200,808</b>	<b>827,145</b>	<b>1,046,374</b>	<b>57,826</b>	<b>1,104,200</b>
<b>Operating Expenses:</b>							
Purchased Water	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Power	13,000	-	-	13,000	27,797	-	27,797
Other Volume Related Expenses	26,564	-	-	26,564	52,290	-	52,290
Employee Labor	129,947	-	-	129,947	283,135	-	283,135
Materials	17,900	-	-	17,900	18,953	-	18,953
Contract Work	17,890	-	-	17,890	56,003	-	56,003
Transportation Expense	9,500	-	-	9,500	14,595	-	14,595
Other Plant Maintenance	728	-	-	728	-	-	-
Office Salaries	13,200	-	-	13,200	-	-	-
Management Salaries	6,646	-	-	6,646	41,950	-	41,950
Employee Pensions & Benefits	18,565	-	-	18,565	43,049	-	43,049
Uncollectible Accounts Expense	450	-	-	450	2,086	-	2,086
Office Services & Rentals	10,800	-	-	10,800	17,689	-	17,689
Office Supplies & Expense	6,000	-	-	6,000	5,533	-	5,533
Professional Services	1,000	-	-	1,000	23,725	-	23,725
Insurance	36,500	-	-	36,500	77,890	-	77,890
Regulatory Commission Expense	1,000	-	-	1,000	3,905	-	3,905
General Expenses	4,000	-	-	4,000	16,645	-	16,645
Expenses Capitalized	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>313,690</b>			<b>313,690</b>	<b>685,245</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>685,245</b>
<b>Other Deductions:</b>							
Depreciation	39,537	17,321	23,098	79,956	97,164	-	97,164
Taxes Other Than Income	22,271	9,757	9,239	41,267	35,810	-	35,810
Bad Debts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest expense	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Non-utility income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Operating Expenses &amp; Other Deductions</b>	<b>375,498</b>	<b>27,078</b>	<b>32,337</b>	<b>434,913</b>	<b>818,219</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>818,219</b>
<b>Net Income Before Taxes</b>	<b>128,191</b>	<b>95,570</b>	<b>168,471</b>	<b>392,232</b>	<b>228,155</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>285,981</b>
State Income Tax	-	-	17,751	17,751	10,548	-	25,281
Federal Income Tax	38,071	44,512	38,442	121,025	26,357	-	88,638
<b>Net Revenue</b>	<b>90,120</b>	<b>51,058</b>	<b>112,278</b>	<b>253,456</b>	<b>191,250</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>172,062</b>
<b>Rate Base</b>	<b>657,992</b>	<b>394,993</b>	<b>923,933</b>	<b>1,976,918</b>			<b>2,178,142</b>
Rate of Return (on Rate Base)	13.70%			12.82%			7.90%
Rate of Margin (N/A)							<i>test passed</i>

BASS LAKE WATER COMPANY  
 CPI INCREASE IN RATES  
 ATTACHMENT TO ADVICE LETTER 88  
 2021

AL 85-W 7.00%

DESCRIPTION	CURRENT RATES	INCREASE OF 7%	PROPOSED RATES
Schedule No. 1, Annual Metered Service:			
Quantity Rate	\$ 1.78	\$ 0.12	\$ 1.90
Annual Service Charge:			
5/8 "X 3/4" Meter	319.16	22.34	341.50
3/4 " Meter	478.75	33.51	512.26
1 " Meter	797.91	55.85	853.76
1 1/2 " Meter	1,595.78	111.71	1,707.49
2 " Meter	2,472.62	173.08	2,645.70
3 " Meter	4,787.36	335.12	5,122.48
4 " Meter	15,957.78	1,117.05	17,074.83
Schedule No. 2, Annual Residential Flat Rate Service			
3/4 " Meter	956.99	66.99	1,023.98
1 " Meter	1,594.90	111.64	1,706.54
1 1/4" Meter	2,392.46	167.47	2,559.93
1 1/2 " Meter	3,190.06	223.30	3,413.36
2 " Meter	5,104.32	357.30	5,461.62
For each additional SF unit	715.92	50.11	766.03

BASS LAKE WATER COMPANY  
ATTACHMENT TO ADVICE LETTER 88  
ESTIMATE OF RATE BASE  
2021

DESCRIPTION	SOURCE	RATE BASE BEG	RATE BASE END	AVG RATE BASE
Utility Plant	PUC rpt, Sch A	3,598,246	3,602,632	3,600,439
Accumulated Depreciation	PUC rpt, Sch A	(1,196,621)	(1,281,618)	(1,239,120)
Net Utility Plant		2,401,625	2,321,014	2,361,319
Plus: Materials & Supplies	PUC rpt, Sch A	2,284	2,129	2,207
Plus: Working Cash	W-5039 SOE	14,805	14,805	14,805
Less: Advances for Construction	PUC rpt, Sch A	(187,003)	(172,763)	(179,883)
Less: Net Contributions in Aid of Construction	PUC rpt, Sch A	(20,460)	(20,152)	(20,306)
Deferred Income Taxes/ITC	PUC rpt, Sch A34	-	-	-
<b>RATE BASE</b>		<b>2,211,251</b>	<b>2,145,033</b>	<b>2,178,142</b>