

# CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION Water Division

## Advice Letter Cover Sheet

Utility Name: Big Basin Water Company

Date Mailed to Service List: 6/30/22

District: NA

CPUC Utility #: U-157-W

Protest Deadline (20<sup>th</sup> Day): 7/19/22

Advice Letter #: 82-W

Review Deadline (30<sup>th</sup> Day): 7/29/22

Tier    1    2    3    Compliance

Requested Effective Date: 6/30/22

Authorization: D.92-03-093

Description: 2021 CPI-U Rate Adjustment

Rate Impact: \$31,072  
7.0%

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.

Utility Contact: Jim Moore

Utility Contact:

Phone: (831) 338-2933

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Email:

DWA Contact: Tariff Unit

Phone: (415) 703-1133

Email: [Water.Division@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:Water.Division@cpuc.ca.gov)

### DWA USE ONLY

DATE	STAFF	COMMENTS

APPROVED

WITHDRAWN

REJECTED

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

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

# Big Basin Water Company

P.O. Box 197 Boulder Creek, CA 95006

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June 30, 2022

Advice Letter No. 82-W

TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Big Basin Water Company, Inc. (BIG BASIN) 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>
423-W	Schedule No. 1, General Metered Service	416-W
424-W	Schedule No. 2, Residential Flat Rate Service	417-W
425-W	Schedule No. 4, Private Fire Protection Service	418-W
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## REQUEST

By AL No. 82-W, BIG BASIN 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 \$31,072 will not result in a rate of return which exceeds the authorized rate of return of 10.8%. Work papers justifying this increase are enclosed.

BIG BASIN also requests to delete the bill surcredit of \$7.38 applied to each customer's monthly water bill to amortize the 2018 Timber Operations Balancing Account. The balance of \$53,191.22 had been fully refunded to the ratepayers.

## BACKGROUND

The present rates became effective on April 16, 2021, pursuant to Decision 92-03-093, which authorized an offset (CPI) rate increase of \$6,272, or 1.4%.

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The last general rate increase became effective on June 12, 2014, pursuant to Resolution W-4985, which authorized a general rate increase of \$82,117, or 22.7%, and a rate of return of 10.8%.

AL No. 82-W 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.

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

This AL and the enclosed tariff sheets are submitted pursuant to General Order (GO.) 96-B. AL No. 82-W 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>

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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

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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 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. The addresses for submitting a response or protest are:

**Mailing Address:**

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

**Email Address:**

[Water.Division@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:Water.Division@cpuc.ca.gov)

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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 BIG BASIN at:

**Mailing Address:**

Big Basin Water Company  
Attn: Jim Moore  
P.O. Box 197  
Boulder Creek, CA 95006

**Email Address:**

[Bbwater197@yahoo.com](mailto:Bbwater197@yahoo.com)

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. Each 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 to the person who filed the protest or response.

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the service list from this AL has been served a copy of this AL No. 79-W on June 30, 2022.

Executed in Boulder Creek, California on June 30, 2022.

Big Basin Water Company

By: /s/ JIM MOORE

Jim Moore  
Manager

Enclosures

**SCHEDULE NO. 1**  
**GENERAL METERED SERVICE**

**APPLICABILITY**

Applicable to all metered water service furnished on a monthly basis.

**TERRITORY**

Big Basin and vicinity, Santa Cruz County

**RATES**

**Quantity Rate:**

For all water, per 100 cu. ft. \$3.73 (I)

**Service Charges:**

**Per Meter Per Month**

For 5/8 x 3/4- inch meter	\$36.57	(I)
For 3/4-inch meter	54.86	
For 1 -inch meter	91.42	
For 1-1/2-inch meter	182.72	
For 2 -inch meter	314.62	
For 3 -inch meter	548.28	(I)

**SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

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

(D)

(To be inserted by utility)

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Decision No. 92-03-093

*Issued By*

**Jim Moore**

**Manager**

(To be inserted by P.U.C.)

Date Filed \_\_\_\_\_

Effective \_\_\_\_\_

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHEDULE NO. 2**  
**RESIDENTIAL FLAT RATE SERVICE**

**APPLICABILITY**

Applicable only to flat rate residential water service furnished prior to May 1, 1985. This schedule is not open to new customers.

**TERRITORY**

Big Basin and vicinity, Santa Cruz County

**RATES**

**Per Service Connection Per**  
**Month**

All existing flat rate connections, where meters have not been located \$70.42 (I)

**SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

1. The above flat rate applies to service connection not larger than one inch in diameter.
2. For service covered by the above classification, if the utility so elects, a meter shall be installed and service provided under Schedule No.1, General Metered Service, effective as of the first day of the following calendar month. Where the flat rate charge for a period has been paid in advance, refund of the prorated difference between such flat rate payment and the minimum meter charge for the same period shall be made on or before that day.
3. All bills are subject to the reimbursement fee set forth in Schedule UF. (D)

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**SCHEDULE NO. 4**  
**PRIVATE FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE**

**APPLICABILITY**

Applicable to water service furnished for private fire systems and to private fire hydrants..

**TERRITORY**

Big Basin and vicinity, Santa Cruz County

**RATES**

	<u>Per Service Connection Per</u> <u>Month</u>	
For each inch of diameter of service connection	\$8.74	(I)

**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 fire protection service shall be four inches, and the maximum diameter shall not be more than the diameter of the main to which the service is connected. If a distribution main of adequate size to serve a private fire protection service in addition to all other normal service does not exist in the street or alley adjacent to the premises to be serviced, 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.
3. If a distribution main of adequate size to serve a private fire protection service in addition to all other normal service does not exist in the street or alley adjacent to the premises to be serviced, 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 fire protection service to which no connections for other than fire protection purposes are allowed, and which are regularly inspected by the underwriters having jurisdiction, are installed according to specifications of the utility, and are maintained to the satisfaction of the utility.

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## AL #82-W Earnings Test

### Big Basin Water Company Summary of Earnings

Category	Most Recent Adopted in Resolution W-4985 June 12, 2014. TY2013 a	Actual 2021 b	CPI Increase @7% on Adopted Revenue Only c=a*7.0%	Revenue After CPI Increase, Actual Expenses, & Actual Rate Base (Revenues) d=c+d
<b>Operatine Revenues:</b>				
Flat Rate	6,406	480	<b>448</b>	929
Metered	437,121	322,499	<b>30,598</b>	353,097
Approved Total Surcharge Revenue(s)			-	0
Private Fire Protection	353	0	<b>25</b>	25
<b>TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES</b>	<b>443,880</b>	<b>322,979</b>	<b>31,072</b>	<b>354,051</b>
<b>Operatine Expenses:</b>				
Purchased Water	-	-		-
Purchased Power	19,463	48,510		48,510
Purchased Chemicals	-			-
Other Volume Related Expenses	5,000			-
Employee Labor	47,953	88,622		88,622
Materials	10,000	31,556		31,556
Contract Work	10,000	13,216		13,216
Water Testing		-		-
Transportation Expense	14,172	9,533		9,533
Other Plant Maintenance	5,000	112,927		112,927
Office Salaries	33,773	-		-
Management Salaries	82,021	134,662		134,662
Employee Pension and Benefits	37,656	45,982		45,982
Uncollectibles	5,160	-		-
Office Service and Rentals	5,000	4,019		4,019
Office Supplies and Expenses	6,500	11,330		11,330
Professional Services	7,500	3,060		3,060
Insurance	10,606	33		33
Regulatory Commission Expense	2,000	17,635		17,635
General Expenses	8,000	1,094		1,094
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>309,804</b>	<b>522,179</b>		<b>522,179</b>
Depreciation	14,926	11,305		11,305
Taxes Other than Income	20,480	33,530		33,530
State and Federal Income Taxes	27,554	800		800
Interest	-	1,032		1,032
<b>TOTAL DEDUCTIONS</b>	<b>372,764</b>	<b>568,846</b>		<b>568,846</b>
<b>NET REVENUE</b>	<b>71,116</b>	<b>(245,867)</b>		<b>(214,795)</b>
<b>RATE BASE</b>				
Average Plant	1,381,171	373,134		373,134
Less: Average Accumulated Depreciation	399,931	213,113		213,113
<b>NET PLANT</b>	<b>981,240</b>	<b>160,021</b>		<b>160,021</b>
Less: Advances & Contributions	327,725	-		-
Plus: Working Cash	5,000	75,600		75,600
Materials & Supplies		31,577		31,577
<b>RATE BASE</b>	<b>658,515</b>	<b>267,198</b>		<b>267,198</b>
<b>RATE OF RETURN</b>	<b>10.80%</b>	<b>-92.02%</b>		<b>-80.39%</b>
<b>Earnings Test:</b>	<b>-80.39%</b>	<b>&lt;</b>	<b>10.80%</b>	

Note:

Fire insurance proceeds, nonutility income in  
2021

\$ 125,800

**AL #82-W Working Cash  
Big Basin Water Company**

SIMPLIFIED BASIS DETERMINATION OF WORKING CASH ALLOWANCE

(A utility operating as an individual or partnership using monthly billing at meter rates)

1 Operating Expenses, Excluding Taxes and Depreciation	477,344
2 Purchased Power and/or Purchased Commodity for Resale*	48,510
3 Two Months' Average Operating Expenses (1/6 x Line 1)	79,557
4 One Month's Average Purchased Power and/or Purchased Commodity* (1/12 x Line 2)	4,043
5 Average Tax Accruals Available	
6 Working Cash Allowance (Line 3 - Line 4 - Line 5)	75,515
7 Use	75,600

\* Electric power, gas or other fuel purchased for pumping and or purchased water or gas or electricity for resale billed after receipt (metered).

## AL #82-W Rates Big Basin Water Company

**METERED RATES:**

7.00%

Service Charge:	OLD		NEW	
	<u>Per Meter</u>		<u>Per Meter Per</u>	
	<u>Per Month</u>		<u>Month</u>	
<u>QR</u>	3.49	\$	3.73	(I)
5/8 x 3/4-inch meter .....	34.18	\$	36.57	(I)
3/4-inch meter .....	51.27	\$	54.86	(I)
1-inch meter .....	85.44	\$	91.42	(I)
1-1/2 inch meter .....	170.77	\$	182.72	(I)
2-inch meter .....	294.04	\$	314.62	(I)
3-inch meter .....	512.41	\$	548.28	(I)

FLAT RATES:	OLD		NEW	
	<u>Per Month</u>		<u>Per Month</u>	
	65.81	\$	70.42	(I)

FIRE PROTECTION:	OLD		NEW	
	<u>Per Month</u>		<u>Per Month</u>	
	8.17	\$	8.74	(I)

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