

Foothill Ditch Company

P.O. Box 175
Exeter, CA 93221

June 30, 2022

Advice Letter No. 9-W

TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Foothill Ditch Company (FDC) 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>
28-W	Schedule No. 3, Measured Irrigation Service	21-W
29-W	Schedule No. 9M, Measured Ground Water Recharge Service	22-W
30-W	Schedule No. 9T, Construction and Other Temporary Service	23-W
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REQUEST

By AL 9-W, FDC 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. The projected revenue increase of \$5,786 will not result in a rate of return which exceeds the authorized rate of return of 13.85%. Workpapers justifying this increase are enclosed.

BACKGROUND

The present rates became effective on October 18, 1999, by approval of AL No. 7-W, which implemented a Consumer Price Index increase of \$1,223 or 1.6%.

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The last general rate increase became effective on December 7, 1994, pursuant to Resolution W-3894, which authorized a general rate increase of \$6,250, or 8.9% and a rate of return of 13.85%.

AL #9-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 9-W is designated as a Tier 1 AL and the enclosed tariff sheets will become effective upon filing.¹

NOTICE

This AL does not require notice;² 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.³ A copy of this AL has been served to all parties listed on the service list⁴ on the last page of this AL. This filing will not cause withdrawal of service nor conflict with any other schedule or rule.

¹GO. 96-B, Water Industry Rule 7.3.1

² GO. 96-B, General Rule 4.2

³ GO. 96-B, Water Industry Rule 3.2

⁴ GO. 96-B, Water Industry Rule 4.1

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RESPONSE OR PROTEST⁵

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.

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.

⁵ GO. 96-B, General Rule 7.4.1

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A protest shall provide citations or proofs where available to allow staff to properly consider the protest. The Water Division (DW) 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:

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 DW, the respondent or protestant shall send a copy of the protest to FDC at:

Mailing Address:

Foothill Ditch Company
Attn: Richard C. Jacobsen Jr.
P.O. Box 175
Exeter, CA 93221

Email Address:

rockyhill592@aol.com

Cities and counties that need Board of Supervisors or Board of Commissioners approval to protest should inform DW, 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.

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REPLIES

The utility shall reply to each protest and may reply to any response. Any reply must be received by DW 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.⁶

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the service list from Advice Letter #9-W has been served a copy of this Advice Letter on June 30, 2022.

Executed in Exeter, California on June 30, 2022.

By: /S/ RICHARD C. JACOBSEN, JR.
Richard C. Jacobsen, Jr.
President

Enclosures

⁶ GO. 96-B, General Rule 7.4.3

Schedule No. 3M

MEASURED IRRIGATION SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all measured irrigation service.

TERRITORY

The area served by the utility's canal system in Tulare County.

RATES

	<u>Each Miner's Inch Applied for Per Irrigation Season</u>	
Minimum Charge	\$ 159.80	(I)
	<u>Per Miner's Inch Day of 24 Hours</u>	
<u>Quantity Rates</u>	<u>\$1.07</u>	<u>(I)</u>

The Minimum Charge will entitle the customer to the quantity of water which would be purchased at Quantity Rates.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS:

1. Water supplied under this schedule will be untreated water from open canals, ditches, and conduits. The utility does not represent any water delivered hereunder to be potable nor of quality suitable for human consumption.
2. Water will be delivered by utility at its ditch. Water deliveries from utility's ditch to premises of customer shall be the responsibility of the customer.

Note: A miner's inch shall mean a continuous flow equal to 1/50th of a cubic foot per second.

(To be inserted by utility)

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Decision No. 92-03-093

Issued By

Richard Jacobsen Jr.

President

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

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Schedule No. 9M

MEASURED RECHARGE GROUND WATER SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

For all water service delivered for ground water replenishment purposes.

TERRITORY

In the vicinity and adjacent to the Foothill Ditch.

RATES

	<u>Per Acre Foot</u>	
For all water delivered	\$ 2.90	(I)

SPECIAL CONDITIONS:

1. Water supplied under this schedule will be untreated water from open canals, ditches, and conduits. The utility does not represent any water delivered hereunder to be potable nor of quality suitable for human consumption.
2. Water supplied under this schedule will be the excess water over and above that purchased by irrigation customers. The utility does not represent that there will be any deliveries except as such excess water is available.

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Schedule No. 9T

CONSTRUCTION AND OTHER TEMPORARY SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all water used by the County of Tulare for dust control or soil compaction.

TERRITORY

In the vicinity and adjacent to the Foothill Ditch.

RATES

	<u>Per Day</u>	
For all water taken by the County of Tulare from the company's ditch	\$ 9.24	(I)

SPECIAL CONDITIONS:

1. Water supplied under this schedule will be untreated water from open canals, ditches, and conduits. The utility does not represent any water delivered hereunder to be potable nor of quality suitable for human consumption.

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The following listed tariff sheets contain all effective rates and rules affecting the charges and services of the utility, together with other pertinent information.

SUBJECT MATTER OF SHEET

P.U.C. SHEET NO.

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Preliminary Statements	25-W, 26-W	

Rate Schedules:

Schedule No. 3M, Measured Irrigation Service	28-W	(I)
Schedule No. 9M, Measured Ground Water Recharge Service	29-W	(I)
Schedule 9T, Construction and Other Temporary Service	30-W	(I)
Schedule No. UF, PUC Reimbursement Fee	19-W	

Rules:

No. 1 through 8	5-W	
No. 9 through 12	6-W	

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P.O. BOX 175
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23114 CARSON AVE .
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SAVANNAH , GEORGIA 31401
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