

# CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

## Water Division

### Advice Letter Cover Sheet

**Utility Name:** RR Lewis Small Water Co. **Date Mailed to Service List:** March 21, 2022  
**District:** NA  
**CPUC Utility #:** U-WTD 83 **Protest Deadline (20<sup>th</sup> Day):** April 3, 2022  
**Advice Letter #:** 47-W **Review Deadline (30<sup>th</sup> Day):** April 13, 2022  
**Tier**  1  2  3  Compliance **Requested Effective Date:** January 1, 2021  
**Authorization** NA **Rate Impact:** \$0  
**Description:** Update Tariff Rule 15 to comply with changes in the federal tax law relating to CIAC %

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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>STAFF</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>

APPROVED  WITHDRAWN  REJECTED

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

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

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March 21, 2022

Advice Letter No. 47-W

TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RR Lewis Small Water Company (RRLWC) hereby transmits for filing one original and one copy of this advice letter and the following tariff sheets which are enclosed:

<u>NEW SHEET #</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>CANCELLING SHEET #</u>
305-W	Rule 15, Main Extensions	
306-W	Table of Contents	304-W

## REQUEST

By Advice Letter (AL) No. 47-W, RRLWC requests approval to modify the income tax component for the “contribution” provisions in Tariff Rule 15 to reflect changes in H.R. 3684, the “Infrastructure Investment Jobs Act.” The changes to its Tariff Rule 15 bring the utility into compliance with Section 80601 of H.R. 3684.

## BACKGROUND

The 117<sup>th</sup> United States Congress enacted the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (H.R. 3684) that was signed into law by President Biden on November 15, 2021. With the passage of H.R. 3684, the federal taxation of all water infrastructure contributed to a water utility as Contributions in Aid of Construction (CIAC) was eliminated. Now only water and sewer services cost of connections are treated as taxable income. This effectively changes the applicability of the income tax component (“ITC”) in Tariff Rule 15, retroactive to January 1, 2021. H.R. 3684 also eliminated the taxability of grants received from government agencies, except for grants related to water services.

The State of California did not change its laws regarding the taxability of CIAC. Therefore, there are no changes to Rule 15 with respect to state taxation.

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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. AL #47-W is designated as a Tier 1 filing and the enclosed tariff sheets will become effective upon filing.<sup>1</sup>

## **NOTICE**

As this Advice Letter is for compliance with H.R 3684, no additional notice to customers is required.

## **RESPONSE OR PROTEST<sup>2</sup>**

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

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

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

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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)

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

**Mailing Address:**

RR LEWIS Small Water Co.  
Attn: Pam Ostrom  
4500 E. Fremont  
Stockton, CA 95421

**Email Address:**

[RRLEWISH2O@gmail.com](mailto:RRLEWISH2O@gmail.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

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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.<sup>3</sup>

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

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the service list from Advice Letter #47-W has been served a copy of this AL on March 21, 2022.

Executed in Stockton, California on March 21, 2022.

RR LEWIS Small Water  
Company

By: /S/ PAM OSTROM  
for Ostrom Family Trust  
Owner

Enclosures

Rule No.15

Main Extension (continued)

**E. INCOME TAX COMPONENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS AND ADVANCES PROVISION**

1. Contributions in Aid of Construction and Advances for Construction shall include, but not limited to, cash, services, facilities, labor, property, grants received from government agencies, and income taxes thereon provided by applicant to the utility. The value of all contributions shall be based on the utility's estimates. Contributions shall consist of two components for the purpose of recording transactions as follows: (N)

- (a) Income Tax Component (ITC), and (N)
- (b) The balance of the contributions and advances. (N)

2. The ITC shall be calculated by multiplying the balance of the contribution by the ITC factor of: (N)

<u>Type of Contribution</u>	<u>ITC Factors</u>	(N)
Contributed water and sewer infrastructure (Federal tax exempt; only State taxes are applicable)	9.7%	
Costs for water service connections (Federal and State taxes are applicable)	42.5%	(N)

3. The tax factor is established using Method 2 as set forth in D.87-09-026 in I.86-11-019. (N)

4. This tariff is effective as of January 1, 2021. (N)

**SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

The ITC factor has been derived from Federal corporate tax rate of 21% and State corporate tax rate of 8.84% and will be in effect until the utility's taxable income changes drastically. When and if that occurs, the utility will file an advice letter showing the new rates and cancel out this sheet. Federal tax gross-ups are not required for contributions and advances used for facilities after January 1, 2021. (N)

(To be inserted by utility)

*Issued By*

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

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***Ostrom Family Trust***

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

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***Owner***

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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.

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 METHOD 2: FULL TAX GROSS-UP, COST ON CONTRIBUTOR

**CONTRIBUTIONS/ADVANCES (SUBJECT EFFECTIVE JAN. 1, 2021)**

Calculation Gross-up Percentage:

Contribution/Advance		\$ 100.00
State Tax @8.84%		\$ 8.84
Net Tax Paid		\$ 8.84
Contribution/Advance - Net of Tax		\$ 91.16
Gross-up Factor For State Tax:	2021 - (100.00/91.16)	<b>1.0970</b>

Proof of Calculation:

Contribution/Advance Required By Utility		\$ 100.00
Gross-up Factor		1.0970
Contribution/Advance To Be Paid By Developer		109.70
State Tax @ 8.84%		9.70
Net Tax Paid		9.70
Contribution/Advance - Net of Tax		\$ 100.00

**Contributed Water and Sewer Connections Subject to Federal and State Taxes**

Calculation Gross-up Percentage:

Contribution/Advance		\$ 100.00
State Tax @8.84%; Fed Tax @21% combined tax rate		29.84%
Net Tax Paid		\$ 29.84
Contribution/Advance - Net of Tax		\$ 70.16
Gross-up Factor For State Tax and Fed Tax:	2021 - (100.00/70.16)	<b>1.4253</b>

Proof of Calculation:

Contribution/Advance Required By Utility		\$ 100.00
Gross-up Factor		1.4253
Contribution/Advance To Be Paid By Developer		142.53
State Tax @ 8.84%		12.60
State tax credit of Fed tax @ 21%		2.65
Fed Tax @ 21%		27.29
Net Tax Paid		42.53
Contribution/Advance - Net of Tax		\$ 100.00

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