

CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION WATER DIVISION

Advice Letter Cover Sheet

Utility Name: Sierra Park Water Company

Date Mailed to Service List: Aug. 11, 2022

District:

CPUC Utility #: WTD 440

Protest Deadline (20th Day): Aug. 31, 2022

Advice Letter #: 15-W

Review Deadline (30th Day): Sep. 12, 2022

Tier 1 2 3 Compliance

Requested Effective Date: Aug. 11, 2022

Authorization D.92-03-093

Rate Impact: \$ 21,748
7.0%

Description: 2021 CPI-U Rate Adjustment

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WITHDRAWN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: _____

Sierra Park Water Company

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Telephone (209) 533-7998

August 11, 2022

Advice Letter No. 15-W

Sierra Park Water Company (SIERRA PARK) hereby transmits for filing one original and one copy of this advice letter (AL) and the following tariff sheets which are enclosed:

<u>NEW</u> <u>SHEET #</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>CANCELLING</u> <u>SHEET #</u>
118-W	Schedule No. 1, General Metered Service	101-W
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REQUEST

By AL 15-W, SIERRA PARK 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 \$ 21,748 will not result in a rate of margin which exceeds the authorized rate of margin of 23.65%. Workpapers justifying this increase are enclosed.

BACKGROUND

SIERRA PARK's present rates became effective November 7, 2019, pursuant to Resolution W-5204, which authorized a general rate increase of \$100,284, or 54.50% and a rate of margin of 23.65%.

AL #15-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

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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 15-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

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

Mailing Address:

SIERRA PARK Water Company
Attn: Bradley Niess
P.O. Box 424
Miwuk Village CA 95346

Email Address:

bradniess@gmail.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 #15-W has been served a copy of this Advice Letter on August 11, 2022.

Executed in Miwuk Village, California on August 11, 2022.

By: /s/LAEL POTTER
Lael Potter
Compliance Administrator

⁶ GO. 96-B, General Rule 7.4.3

SCHEDULE NO. 1

General Metered Service

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all metered water service.

TERRITORY

The area northeast of Sierra Village, off of Highway 108 I Tuolumne County.

RATES

Quantity Rate:

For all water, per 100 cu. ft. \$5.18 (I)

Service Charges:

Per Meter Per Quarter

For 5/8 x 3/4 - inch meter	\$ 193.05	(I)
For 3/4 - inch meter	\$ 289.56	
For 1 - inch meter	\$ 482.61	
For 2 - inch meter	\$ 965.23	(I)

The service charge is a readiness-to-serve charge which is applicable to all metered service and to which is added the charge for water used computed at the Quantity Rates.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. All bills are subject to the reimbursement fee set forth in Schedule No. UF.
2. A \$21.09 quarterly surcharge shall be applied to each customer's water bill to amortize the Legal Expense Balancing Account for eight (8) quarters or until \$58,051 have been collected. The surcharge shall be separately identified on each bill.
3. A \$15.88 quarterly surcharge shall be applied to each customer's water bill to amortize the Engineering Consultant Surcharge Balancing Account for eight (8) quarters or until \$43,685 have been collected. The surcharge shall be separately identified on each bill.

(To be inserted by utility)

Advice Letter No. 15-W

Decision No. D.92-03-093

Issued By

Bradley Niess

President

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

Date Filed _____

Effective _____

Resolution No. _____

SCHEDULE NO. 2R
Residential Flat Rate Service

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all flat rate residential water service furnished on quarterly basis.

TERRITORY

The area northeast of Sierra Village, off Highway 108 in Tuolumne County.

RATES

<u>Service Charge:</u>	<u>Per Service Connection</u>	
	<u>Per Quarter</u>	
For each single-family residential unit and Unimproved vacant lots:	\$241.49	(I)
For discontinuing service for merged lots:	\$506.11	(I)

The above does not include any applicable government recording fees which are the responsibility of the owner.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. All bills are subject to the reimbursement fee set forth in Schedule UF.
2. A \$21.09 quarterly surcharge shall be applied to each customer's water bill to amortize the Legal Expense Balancing Account for eight (8) quarters or until \$58,051 have been collected. The surcharge shall be separately identified on each bill.
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Earnings Test
2021 CPI RATE ADJUSTMENT
SIERRA PARK WATER COMPANY
Summary of Earnings

Category	Most Recent Adopted in Resolution W-5204 NOV. 7, 2019 TY 2019 a	Actual 2021 b	CPI Increase @7% on Adopted Revenue Only c=a*7%	Revenue After CPI Increase, Actual Expenses, & Actual Rate Base (Revenues) d=b + c
Operating Revenues:				
Flat Rate	310,543	309,555	21,738	331,293
Metered				
Private Fire Protection				
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	310,543	309,555	21,738	331,293
Operatine Expenses:				
Purchased Water	-	-		-
Purchased Power	8,739	8,847		8,847
Purchased Chemicals	-	-		-
Other Volume Related Expenses	-	-		-
Employee Labor	42,316	12,616		12,616
Materials	570	-		-
Contract Work	19,601	24,995		24,995
Water Testing	2,650	-		-
Transportation Expense	1,914	1,411		1,411
Other Plant Maintenance	18,182	5,687		5,687
Office Salaries	-	-		-
Management Salaries	40,000	-		-
Employee Pension and Benefits	3,844	1,761		1,761
Uncollectibles	850	-		-
Office Service and Rentals	469	1,600		1,600
Office Supplies and Expenses	2,591	5,924		5,924
Professional Services	24,780	173,660		173,660
Insurance	26,276	19,461		19,461
Regulatory Commission Expense	3,032	649		649
General Expenses	2,876	5,841		5,841
Capitalized Expense	-	-		-
SUBTOTAL	198,690	262,452		262,452
Depreciation	4,340	3,338		3,338
Taxes Other than Income	4,153	529		529
State and Federal Income Taxes	20,966	17,790		17,790
Interest	-	-		-
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	228,149	284,109		284,109
NET REVENUE	53,957	25,446		47,184
RATE BASE				
Average Plant	72,796	269,493		269,493
Less: Average Accumulated Depreciat	10,263	191,492		191,492
NET PLANT	62,533	78,001		78,001
Less: Advances & Contributions	-	-		-
Plus: Working Cash	32,387	42,400		42,400
Materials & Supplies	-	-		-
CWIP	-	-		-
RATE BASE	94,920	120,401		120,401
RATE OF MARGIN	23.65%	16.47%		21.95%

Earnings Test:	21.95%	<	23.65%
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Earnings Test
2021 CPI RATE ADJUSTMENT
SIERRA PARK WATER COMPANY
Working Cash

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	258,585
2 Purchased Power and/or Purchased Commodity for Resale*	8,847
3 Two Months' Average Operating Expenses (1/6 x Line 1)	43,098
4 One Month's Average Purchased Power and/or Purchased Commodity* (1/12 x Line 2)	737
5 Average Tax Accruals Available	0
6 Working Cash Allowance (Line 3 - Line 4 - Line 5)	42,360
7 Use	42,400

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

PROJECTED WATER RATES
2021 CPI RATE ADJUSTMENT
SIERRA PARK WATER COMPANY

RATES:

CPI RATE 7.00%

UNMETERED RATES:

	<u>OLD</u>	<u>NEW</u>	
	<u>Per Service</u>	<u>Per Service</u>	
	<u>Connection</u>	<u>Connection</u>	
	<u>Per Quarter</u>	<u>Per Quarter</u>	
For each single-family residential unit and Unimproved vacant lots:	\$ 225.69	\$ 241.49	(I)
For discontinuing service for merged lots:	\$ 473.00	\$ 506.11	(I)

METERED RATES:

	<u>OLD</u>	<u>NEW</u>	
	<u>Per Meter</u>	<u>Per Meter</u>	
	<u>Per Quarter</u>	<u>Per Quarter</u>	

Quantity Rate:

For all water per 100 cu. ft.	\$4.84	\$ 5.18	(I)
 Service Charge:			
For 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter	\$180.42	\$ 193.05	(I)
For 3/4 - inch meter	\$270.62	\$ 289.56	(I)
For 1 - inch meter	\$451.04	\$ 482.61	(I)
For 2 - inch meter	\$902.08	\$ 965.23	(I)