



# ALISAL WATER CORPORATION

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ADVICE LETTER NO. 216

Alisal Water Corporation dba Alco Water Service (U 206 W)

TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Alco Water Service (“Alco”) hereby transmits for filing the following changes in its tariff schedules.

<u>CPUC SHEET NO.</u>	<u>TITLE OF SHEET</u>	<u>CANCELING CPUC SHEET NO.</u>
1052-W	Schedule No. 1-SFR, Single-Family Residential Metered Service	1049-W
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The present rates of Alco became effective on July 27, 2014, pursuant to Commission Decision 11-03-005 (“D.1103005”) and Advice Letter No. 157 (“AL 157”), through which the Commission authorized Alco a rate base offset of \$68,372 or 0.83% as approved by D.1103005.

## **Summary**

Alco is filing this Advice Letter to remove the \$0.2101 surcharge from Alco’s tariffs and to delete Special Condition No.10 on Alco’s Schedule No. 1-SFR relating to the WRAM surcharge of \$0.2101 for Single Family Residential Customers approved with Advice Letter 212. The under-collected WRAM balance for the period of August 1, 2019 through June 30, 2023 has now been recovered and Alco no longer needs to collect the surcharge for the WRAM under-collection for this time period.

## **Background**

Effective on September 1, 2023, the CPUC approved Alco’s Advice Letter No. 212, that requested approval for the recovery of its WRAM under-collection for the period of August 1, 2019 through June 30, 2023 in the amount of \$255,722, or 3.09%, to be collected through a quantity rate surcharge of \$0.2101 per ccf until the balance is fully amortized. To date the

balance has been fully amortized and Alco is requesting that the \$0.2101 surcharge be removed from Alco's tariffs and that Special Condition No. 10 on Alco's Schedule No. 1-SFR be deleted, as Alco no longer needs to collect the surcharge for the WRAM under-collection for this time period.

This filing is made under the provisions of General Order No. 96-B, Water Industry Rules 7.3.1(1).

This filing will not cause withdrawal of service nor conflict with any other schedule or rule.

**Requested Effective Date**

This filing is a Tier 1 advice letter per General Order 96-B, Water Industry Rule 7.3.1(1). Alco respectfully requests an effective date of December 11, 2024 for Advice Letter No. 216.

**Notice**

In compliance with Section 4.3 of General Order No. 96-B a copy of this advice letter has been mailed to all parties listed on the enclosed service list. Alco has also complied with the notice requirements of Water Industry Rules 3.2 and 7.3.1(1) of General Order 96-B.

**Protests and Responses:**

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)
- (3) 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;
- (4) The analysis, calculations, or data in the advice letter contain material error or omissions;
- (5) The relief requested in the advice letter is pending before the Commission in a formal proceeding; or
- (6) The relief requested in the advice letter requires consideration in a formal hearing, or is otherwise inappropriate for the advice letter process; or
- (7) 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 shall provide citations or proofs where available to allow staff to properly consider the protest.

A response or protest must be made in writing or by electronic mail and must be received by the Water Division within 20 days of the date this advice letter is filed. The address for mailing or delivering a protest is:

Tariff Unit, Water Division, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor  
California Public Utilities Commission  
505 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
[water\\_division@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:water_division@cpuc.ca.gov)

On the same date the response or protest is submitted to the Water Division, the respondent or protestant shall send a copy of the protest by mail or e-mail to us, addressed to:

<b><u>Recipients:</u></b>	<b><u>Email:</u></b>	<b><u>Mailing Address:</u></b>	<b><u>Fax:</u></b>
Thomas R. Adcock <i>President</i>	<a href="mailto:tom@alcowater.com">tom@alcowater.com</a>	Alco Water Service 249 Williams Road Salinas, CA 93905	(831) 424-0611
Andrew Clarke <i>Asst. Controller</i>	<a href="mailto:andy@alcowater.com">andy@alcowater.com</a>	Alco Water Service 249 Williams Road Salinas, CA 93905	(831) 424-0611

Cities and counties that need Board of Supervisors or Board of Commissioners approval to protest should inform the Water Division, 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 the Division of Water and Audits 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

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By:           /s/ Thomas R. Adcock            
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**Schedule No. 1-SFR**  
**SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL METERED SERVICE**  
**(continued)**

SPECIAL CONDITIONS:

- 5. "Single Family Residential Service" is the provision of water service to individually metered dwelling units (including individual homes, apartment units, townhouse units, condominium units, etc., that have one water meter per each individual dwelling unit) for household purposes, including water used on the premises for sprinkling lawns, gardens and shrubbery; washing vehicles; and other similar and customary purposes pertaining to single family dwellings.
- 6. As authorized by the California Public Utilities Commission per D.1103005 Ordering Paragraph 1, all bills are subject to a surcharge of \$0.0439 per ccf of water sold to recover the amounts required to fund conservation programs consistent with D.11-03-005. This surcharge will become effective January 1, 2024 and will end December 31, 2024, for the 2024 water conservation programs.
- 7. As authorized by the Commission, pursuant to PU Code Section 792.5 and GO 96-B Water Rules 7.3.1(7) and 8.4, for all water usage quantities in CCF billed by the utility on and after August 1, 2023, there will be a Purchased Power Expense Offset (PPEO) surcharge in the amount of \$0.3982 per CCF. The purpose of this PPEO surcharge is to offset increased purchased power costs of \$0.1781/kWh, relative to the purchased power costs adopted by Decision D.11-03-005. The increased power cost will increase Alco's adopted purchased power composite rate to \$0.3095/kWh. As required by Section 792.5 of the PU Code, the associated revenue increases are being tracked in Alco's Purchased Power Balancing Account (PPBA).
- 8. As authorized by the Commission, pursuant to PU Code Section 792.5 and GO 96-B Water Industry Rules 7.3.1(1) and 8.5, all bills are subject to a volumetric-based surcharge to recover the under-collections in the utility's Purchased Power Balancing Account (PPBA) for the years 2010-2019, in the amount of \$1,926,312, amortized over three years for an annual amount of \$642,104, or 8.27% for the amortization period. A surcharge in the amount of \$0.3319 per CCF of water sold will be applied to each customer's monthly bill beginning with the effective date of Advice letter 193 and continue until the under-collection, with interest, are recovered. As required by Section 792.5 of the PU Code, the associated surcharge collections are being tracked in Alco's Purchased Power Balancing Account.

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SALINAS DISTRICT  
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SERVICE LIST  
(AS PER SECTION 7.2 OF GENERAL ORDER NO. 96-B)

Via First Class United States Mail and Email:

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505 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
[water\\_division@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:water_division@cpuc.ca.gov)

Via First Class United States Mail, without  
attachments:

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254 Commission Street  
Salinas, CA 93901-3737

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Deputy Dir. of Water & Communications  
Public Advocates Office, CPUC  
505 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94102

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County Administrative Office  
168 West Alisal Street, 1st Floor  
Salinas, CA 93901

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City of Salinas  
200 Lincoln Avenue  
Salinas, CA 93901