

**CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
DIVISION OF WATER AND AUDITS**

**Advice Letter Cover Sheet**

**Utility Name:** Alisal Water Corporation dba Alco Water Service (WTR) **Date Mailed to Service List:** 12/11/24  
**District:** n/a  
**CPUC Utility #:** WTB 206 **Protest Deadline (20<sup>th</sup> Day):** 12/31/24  
**Advice Letter #:** 217 **Review Deadline (30<sup>th</sup> Day):** 01/10/25  
**Tier:**  1  2  3  Compliance **Requested Effective Date:** 01/01/25  
**Authorization:** D. 11-03-005 **Rate Impact:** \$85,000  
**Description:** Per D.11-03-005, Request establishment of a surcharge to collect funds for the 2025 water conservation programs with an annual budget of \$85,000. 0.99%

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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<u>DATE</u>	<u>STAFF</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
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**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

# ALISAL WATER CORPORATION

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December 11, 2024

ADVICE LETTER NO. 217

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>
1054-W	Schedule No. 1-SFR, Single-Family Residential Metered Service	1052-W
1055-W	Schedule No. 1-NSFR, Non Single-Family Residential Metered Service	1050-W
1056-W	Table of Contents	1053-W

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

Advice Letter No. 217 (“AL 217”) is filed pursuant to Ordering Paragraph 1 of Decision No. 11-03-005 (“D.1103005”) dated March 10, 2011, which approved a Settlement Agreement (“SA”) between Alco, the Division of Ratepayer Advocates (“DRA”) and the City of Salinas, (collectively “Parties”), in Application 10-02-006 (“A.1002006”).

In the SA, at Pages 27-28, Alco and DRA agreed to a conservation budget of \$85,000 per year. Alco and DRA also agreed that any authorized surcharge should be added to the quantity rate, rather than a flat surcharge on each bill, and that Alco shall maintain a “one-way” balancing account. As stated above, D.1103005 approved the settlement agreement.

Advice Letter No. 217 supersedes Advice Letter No. 215, which was approved by the Commission effective January 1, 2024 and will expire on December 31, 2024.

### **Background**

On March 18, 2011, in compliance with Ordering paragraph 1 of D.1103005, Alco filed advice letter No. 142, which in part established a Water Conservation Expense One-way Balancing Account (WCBA). The Commission approved Alco's WCBA effective January 1, 2011. The accounting procedure of Alco's WCBA states in part that:

*...Conservation revenues will be generated from a quantity rate surcharge, authorized by the Commission through D.1103005. Alco Water Service will incorporate such surcharge via a Tier 1 Advice Letter to be effective on January 1 of each year, beginning in 2011. The surcharge will be calculated by dividing the authorized annual budget by the most recent adopted Water Sales in ccf...*

In compliance with Ordering Paragraph 1 of D.1103005, Alco respectfully requests authorization to make effective the attached tariff sheets for the collection of its water conservation program in the amount of \$85,000 or 0.99% to be collected through a surcharge of \$0.0439 per ccf for year 2025. The enclosed Attachment A shows the calculation of the surcharge and percentage increase.

This filing is made under the provisions of General Order No. 96-B.

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. Alco respectfully requests an effective date of January 1, 2025 for Advice Letter No. 217.

### **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.

### **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) 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 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
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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

Alisal Water Corporation  
dba Alco Water Service (Alco)  
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By:           /s/ Thomas R. Adcock            
Thomas R. Adcock  
President

Attachment

**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, 2025 and will end December 31, 2025, for the 2025 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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ALCO WATER SERVICE  
SALINAS DISTRICT  
ADVICE LETTER NO. 217  
SERVICE LIST  
(AS PER SECTION 7.2 OF GENERAL ORDER NO. 96-B)

Via Email:

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California Public Utilities Commission  
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San Francisco, CA 94102  
[water\\_division@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:water_division@cpuc.ca.gov)

Via First Class United States Mail, without  
attachments:

California Water Service Company  
254 Commission Street  
Salinas, CA 93901-3737

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

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

City Manager  
City of Salinas  
200 Lincoln Avenue  
Salinas, CA 93901

**ALCO WATER SERVICE**

**ATTACHMENT A**

**Advice Letter No. 217**

**Calculation of Water Conservation Program Surcharge  
from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025**

**Surcharge Calculation:**

Water Conservation Budget Approved by D.11-03-005	\$85,000
Water Consumption for Year 2012 Adopted by D. 11-03-005	<u>1,934,600 ccf</u>
Estimated Water Conservation Surcharge - Year 2012 ( $\$85,000 / 1,934,600 \text{ Ccf}$ )	<u><u>0.0439 / ccf</u></u>

**Percentage Increase:**

Water Conservation Program Cost	\$85,000
Year 2012 Adopted Revenue Requirement by D. 11-03-005 with RBO	\$8,597,831
Percentage Increase	<u><u>0.99%</u></u>