

**CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
WATER DIVISION**

Advice Letter Cover Sheet

Utility Name: Bakman Water Company (“BWC”) **Date Mailed to Service List:** January 8, 2024

CPUC Utility #: WTB-219 **Protest Deadline (20th Day):** January 28, 2024

Advice Letter #: AL-107 **Review Deadline (30th Day):** February 7, 2024

Tier 1 2 3 Compliance **Requested Effective Date:** January 1, 2024

Authorization Res. M-4870

Description: 2024 CPUC Reimbursement Fee Update **Rate Impact:** \$ N/A
Decrease to 0.70%

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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Utility Contact: Richard Tim Bakman

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WD USE ONLY

DATE

STAFF

COMMENTS

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

WITHDRAWN

REJECTED

Signature: _____

Comments: _____

Date: _____



January 8, 2024

Public Utilities Commission
Of the State of California
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, California 94102

RE: Bakman Water Company (WTB-219) Advice Letter (AL) No. 107

Bakman Water Company (BWC) hereby transmits for filing the following Tariff Schedules which are attached hereto:

<u>CPUC Sheet No.</u>	<u>Title of Sheet</u>	<u>Cancelling Sheet No.</u>
643-W	Schedule No. UF Surcharge to Fund Public Utilities Commission Reimbursement Fee	638-W
644-W	Table of Contents	642-W

REQUEST

To adopt the revised surcharge rate to fund the Public Utilities Commission Reimbursement Fee pursuant to Resolution (Res.) M-4870 issued December 14, 2023.

BACKGROUND

Section 431 of the Public Utilities Code states: "The Commission shall annually determine a fee to be paid by every electrical, gas, telephone, telegraph, water, sewer system, and heat corporation and every other public utility providing service directly to customers and subscribers and subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission other than a railroad, except as provided in Article 2 (commencing with Section 421)."

Res. M-4870 to revise the Public Utilities Commission Utilities Reimbursement Account User Fees (PUCURA Fees) from 0.80% down to 0.70%, with an effective date of January 1, 2024, was adopted by the Commission on December 14, 2023.

This Tier 1 advice letter filing is to update tariff Schedule No. UF in compliance with Commission Res. M-4870. Attached to this AL No. 107 are the proposed tariff sheets to update both Schedule No. UF and the Table of Contents in BWC's authorized tariffs.

TIER DESIGNATION AND REQUESTED EFFECTIVE DATE

This AL and the enclosed tariff sheets are submitted pursuant to General Order (GO.) 96-B. AL 107 is designated as a Tier 1 AL and the enclosed tariff sheets will become effective upon filing.¹ BWC requests that the attached Tariff Sheets have an effective date of January 1, 2024.

NOTICE

A copy of this AL has been served to all parties listed on the attached service list². This filing will not cause withdrawal of service nor conflict with any other schedule or rule.

RESPONSE OR PROTEST³

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.

¹ GO. 96-B, Water Industry Rule 7.3.1

² GO. 96-B, Water Industry Rule 4.1

³ GO. 96-B, General Rule 7.4.1

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:

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 DWA, the respondent or protestant shall send a copy of the protest to BWC at:

Email Address:

Shay@bakmanwater.com

Mailing Address:

Shaymus Bakman, Vice President
Bakman Water Company
5105 East Belmont Avenue
Fresno, CA 93727
Fax: (559) 255-3291

Cities and counties that need Board of Supervisors or Board of Commissioners approval to protest should inform WD, 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. Any reply must be received by WD 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.⁴

Best Regards,
BAKMAN WATER COMPANY

Shaymus Bakman

By: R. Shaymus Bakman
Its: Vice President

⁴ GO. 96-B, General Rule 7.4.3



SERVICE LIST

A copy of Advice Letter No. 107 (including Cover) has been mailed to the following organizations:

Parties

Richard Tim Bakman, President
Bakman Water Company
P.O. Box 7965
Fresno, CA 93747
For: Bakman Water Company

State Service

Mr. Bruce DeBerry, Program Manager
California Public Utilities Commission
Water Division, Room 3200
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102-3214

Information Only

Public Works Director
Madera County Public Works
200 W. 4th Street
Madera, CA 93637

Nick Bruno, President
Root Creek Water District
P.O. Box 27950
Fresno, CA 93729

Mr. Henry McLaughlin
Management Analyst III
City of Fresno, Water Division
1910 East University Avenue
Fresno, CA 93703-2927

County of Fresno
Public Works and Planning Department
2220 Tulare Street, 6th Floor
Fresno, CA 93721-2102

I hereby certify that the above service list has been served a copy of AL 107 on Monday, January 8, 2024.

Executed in Fresno, California on the 8th day of January 2024.

BAKMAN WATER COMPANY

Shaymus Bakman

By: R. Shaymus Bakman
Its: Vice President

BAKMAN WATER COMPANY

Schedule No. UF

SURCHARGE TO FUND
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
REIMBURSEMENT FEE

APPLICABILITY

This surcharge applies to all water bills rendered under all tariff rate schedules authorized by the Commission.

TERRITORY

This schedule is applicable within the entire territory served by the utility.

RATES

A 0.70% surcharge shall be added to all customer bills. (R)

* In 1982 the Legislature established the Public Utilities Commission Reimbursement Fee to be paid by utilities to fund their regulation by the Commission (Public Utilities (PU) Code Section 401-443). The surcharge to recover the cost of that fee is ordered by the Commission under authority granted by the PU Code Section 433.

(To be inserted by utility)

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

Advice Letter No. 107

Richard Tim Bakman

Date Filed _____

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Effective _____

Decision No. _____

President

TITLE

Resolution No. _____

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