

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

Advice Letter Cover Sheet

Utility Name: [Bass Lake Water Company](#)

Dated Mailed to Service List: [2/23/2024](#)

District: [N/A](#)

CPUC Utility #: [WTC-190](#)

Protest Deadline (20th Day): [3/14/2024](#)

Advice Letter #: [94](#)

Review Deadline (30th Day): [3/24/2024](#)

Tier: 1 2 3 Compliance

Requested Effective Date: [ASAP](#)

Authorization: [Res. W-4698](#)

Rate Impact:

Description: [Water Board Fee Surcharge](#)

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: [Christian L. Aldinger](#)

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Phone: [415-703-1133](#)

Email: Water.Division@cpuc.ca.gov

DWA USE ONLY

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

APPROVED

WITHDRAWN

REJECTED

Signature: _____ Comments: _____

Date: _____

Bass Lake Water Company

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February 23, 2024

Advice Letter No.: 94

TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Bass Lake Water Company (WTC-190) hereby transmits for filing one original and one copy of this advice letter (AL) and the following tariff sheets which are enclosed:

<u>NEW SHEET #</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>CANCELLING SHEET #</u>
535-W	Schedule No. 1, Continued	530-W
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REQUEST

By AL 94, Bass Lake Water Company requests permission to recover a one-time surcharge to recover the State Water Resources Control Board (California Water Boards) Water Systems Annual User Fee for the year ended 6/30/2024 in accordance with Resolution W-4698 dated July 31, 2008 Ordering Paragraph 2 in the amount of \$9,411.79 or \$9.25 per customer in the next semi-annual billing in March 2024 from 1,017 Bass Lake customers.

BACKGROUND

The present rates became effective on September 29, 2022 by AL #88. (2021 CPI increase)

The last general rate case became effective on April 24, 2021, pursuant to Resolution W-5235, which authorized a rate base offset rate increase of \$200,807, or 23.35% with an annual rate of return of 8.64%.

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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. This advice letter is designated as a Tier 2 filing 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 serviced 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.

RESPONSE OR PROTEST²

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 omission;
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.

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 this AL is filed. The addresses for submitting a response or protest are:

¹ GO. 96-B, Water Industry Rule 7.3.1

² GO. 96-B, General Rule 7.4.1

³ GO. 96-B, General Rule 3.2

⁴ GO. 96-B, Water Industry Rule 4.1

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RESPONSE OR PROTEST (continued)²

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 Stephen Welch at:

Email Address:
steve@basslakerealty.com

Mailing Address:
Bass Lake Water Company
P.O. Box 113
Bass Lake, CA 93604

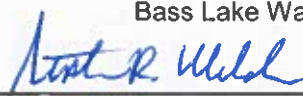
Cities and counties that need Board of Supervisors or Board of Commissioners approval to protest should inform DWA, within the 20 day protest period, so that a late filed protest can be entertained. The informing document should include an estimate of the date the proposed protest might be voted on.

REPLIES

The utility shall reply to each protest and may reply to any response. Any reply must be received by DWA 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.³

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

This filing will not cause withdrawal of service or conflict with any other schedule or rule.

Bass Lake Water Company
By: 

Stephen R. Welch
President

² GO. 96-B, General Rule 7.4.1

³ GO. 96-B, General Rule 7.4.3

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SERVICE LIST

Broadview Terrace Mutual Water Company
P.O. Box 1454
Oakhurst, CA 93644
info@btmwater.com

Yosemite Spring Park Utility Company
Attn: Jonathon Penrose, General Manager
harrington.k@yspuc.org
bethh@yloa.org

Madera County
Public Works
mcpublicworks@madera-county.com

California American Water
Evan.Jacobs@amwater.com

I hereby certify that the above service list has been served a copy of AL 94 on February 23, 2024.

Executed in Bass Lake, California on February 23, 2024.

Bass Lake Water Company

By: _____



Stephen R. Welch
President

Schedule No. 1
ANNUAL METERED SERVICE
(Continued)

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

- 2. The annual service charge applies to service during the 12-month period commencing January 1, and is due in advance. If a permanent resident of the area has been a customer of the utility for atleast 12 months, he or she may elect, at the beginning of the calendar year, to pay prorated service charges in advance at intervals of less than one year (monthly, bimonthly, or quarterly) in accordance with the utility's established billing periods. Meters will be read and quantity chages billed monthly, bimonthly, or quarterly in accordance with the utility's established billing periods except that meters may be read and quantity charges billed during the winter seasons at given intervals greater than three months.
- 3 The opening bill for metered service except upon converstion from flat rate service shall be the established annual service charge for the service. Where initial service is established after the first day of any year, the portion of such annual charge applicable to the current year shall be determined by multiplying the annual charge by one three-hundred-sixty-fifth (1/365) of the number of days remaining in the calendar year. The balance of the payment of the initial annual charge shall be credited against the charges for the succeeding annual period. If service is not continued for at least one year after the date of initial service, no refund of the initial annual charge shall be due the customer.
- 4 The SRF (State Revolving Fund Loan) surcharge is in addition to the regular water bill. This surcharge shall be identified on each bill. The surcharge is specifically for repayment of SRF loan authorized by Resolution W-5248.
- 5 As authorized by the California Public Utilities Commission, all bills are subject to a one-time surcharge of \$9.25. This charge offsets the State Water Resources Control Board Water System Fees as billed to Bass Lake Water Company for the period 7/1/2023 to 6/30/2024. (N)
(N)
(N)
- 6 All bills are subject to the reimbursement fee set forth on Schedule UF.

(To be inserted by utility)

Issued By

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

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		Name		
Decision No.	_____	<u>President</u>	Effective	_____
		Title	Resolution No.	<u>W-4698</u>

Schedule No. 2
ANNUAL RESIDENTIAL FLAT RATE SERVICE
(continued)

SPECIAL CONDITIONS (Continued)

2. The opening bill for metered service except upon conversion from flat rate service shall be the established annual service charge for the service. Where initial service is established after the first day of any year, the portion of such annual charge applicable to the current year shall be determined by multiplying the annual charge by one three-hundred-sixty-fifth (1/365) of the number of days remaining in the calendar year. The balance of the payment of the initial annual charge shall be credited against the charges for the succeeding annual period. If service is not continued for at least one year after the date of initial service, no refund of the initial annual charge shall be due the customer.
3. Meters may be installed at the option of the utility, and customers will be charged at the General Metered Service Rate thereafter.
4. The SRF (State Revolving Fund Loan) surcharge is in addition to the regular water bill. This surcharge shall be identified on each bill. The surcharge is specifically for repayment of SRF loan authorized by Resolution W-5248.
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BASS LAKE WATER COMPANY
 ATTACHMENT TO ADVICE LETTER XX
 SUMMARY OF EARNINGS
 2024

	A1	A2	A3	A4 = A1+A2+A3	B	C	D
CATEGORY	ADOPTED W-4544	RBO W-4741	2020 RBO W-5235	ADOPTED QUANTITIES	(PER ANN RPT) ACTUAL 2022	SWRCB WATER SYS FEES	AUTHORIZED RATES
Operating Revenues:							
Metered	57,815	14,078	20,540	92,433	101,821	-	101,821
Flat	445,874	108,570	179,215	733,659	1,001,527	-	1,001,527
Irrigation	-	-	1,053	1,053	2,379	-	2,379
Other Water Revenue	-	-	-	-	46,190	-	46,190
Water System Fee Reimbursement	-	-	-	-	-	10,140	10,140
Total Operating Revenue	503,689	122,648	200,808	827,145	1,151,917	10,140	1,162,057
Operating Expenses:							
Purchased Water	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Power	13,000	-	-	13,000	34,614	-	34,614
Other Volume Related Expenses	26,564	-	-	26,564	45,584	-	45,584
Employee Labor	129,947	-	-	129,947	299,839	-	299,839
Materials	17,900	-	-	17,900	23,709	-	23,709
Contract Work	17,890	-	-	17,890	66,798	-	66,798
Transportation Expense	9,500	-	-	9,500	15,608	-	15,608
Other Plant Maintenance	728	-	-	728	1,272	-	1,272
Office Salaries	13,200	-	-	13,200	-	-	-
Management Salaries	6,646	-	-	6,646	43,954	-	43,954
Employee Pensions & Benefits	18,565	-	-	18,565	40,096	-	40,096
Uncollectible Accounts Expense	450	-	-	450	779	-	779
Office Services & Rentals	10,800	-	-	10,800	18,738	-	18,738
Office Supplies & Expense	6,000	-	-	6,000	7,888	-	7,888
Professional Services	1,000	-	-	1,000	27,816	-	27,816
Insurance	36,500	-	-	36,500	94,644	-	94,644
Regulatory Commission Expense	1,000	-	-	1,000	16,981	-	16,981
General Expenses	4,000	-	-	4,000	18,557	-	18,557
Expenses Capitalized	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Operating Expenses	313,690	-	-	313,690	756,877	-	756,877
Other Deductions:							
Depreciation	39,537	17,321	23,098	79,956	91,659	-	91,659
Taxes Other Than Income	22,271	9,757	9,239	41,267	36,802	-	36,802
Bad Debts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest expense	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Non-utility income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Operating Expenses & Other Deductions	375,498	27,078	32,337	434,913	885,338	-	885,338
Net Income Before Taxes	128,191	95,570	168,471	392,232	266,579	-	276,719
State Income Tax	-	-	17,751	17,751	14,321	-	24,462
Federal Income Tax	38,071	44,512	38,442	121,025	34,160	-	85,767
Net Revenue	90,120	51,058	112,278	253,456	218,098	-	166,490
Rate Base	657,992	394,993	923,933	1,976,918			2,178,142
Rate of Return (on Rate Base)	13.70%			12.82%			7.64%
Rate of Margin (N/A)							<i>test passed</i>

BASS LAKE WATER COMPANY
ATTACHMENT TO ADVICE LETTER 94
REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST - WATER BOARD FEE
FEBRUARY 23, 2024

FY 2023/2024 CDPH FEE =	\$ 10,139.79
	-
total	<u>\$ 10,139.79</u>
Commission Authorized CDPH per year =	\$ 728.00 (\$728.00 per year)
Net to be recovered by surcharge =	\$ 9,411.79

Total active service connections as of 6/30/2023 = 1,017
(From Water Boards invoice)

Reimbursement Fee Calculation

\$ 9,411.79 Divided by 1,017 customers =	\$ 9.25 per customer
One time surcharge	\$ 9.25



HERR, DARLENE
 BASS LAKE WATER COMPANY
 P. O. BOX 113
 BAS LAKE, CA 93604

Date: 12/20/2023
 System Type: Community Water System
 System No.: 2010003
 Invoice No.: LW-1043992

POSTED
 1/31/24

Water System Annual Fees Invoice
Billing Period 07/01/2023 - 06/30/2024

Payment must be received within 90 days from the date of this invoice, or a 10% penalty will be assessed pursuant to section 116565 of the Health & Safety Code.

LINE ITEMS	Connections	FEES
CONNECTIONS 0-1,000 (\$10.04 per connection, \$601 minimum)	1,000	\$10,040.00
CONNECTIONS 1,001 - 5,000 (\$5.87 per connection)	17	\$99.79
CONNECTIONS 5,001 - 15,000 (\$3.34 per connection)	---	\$0.00
CONNECTIONS 15,001+ (\$2.27 per connection)	---	\$0.00
Late Fee (10% penalty if postmarked after 03/19/2024)	---	\$1,013.98
AMOUNT PAID:		\$0.00
AMOUNT DUE: (if postmarked before 03/19/2024):		\$10,139.79
AMOUNT DUE: (if postmarked after 03/19/2024):		\$11,153.77

You may submit payment via check, money order, credit card, or EFT. Payment information is available on our website at https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/make_a_payment/

STB

FY 2023/24 (07/01/2023 - 06/30/2024)

SYSTEM TYPE: Community Water System
INVOICE NUMBER: LW-1043992 **AMOUNT DUE: (if postmarked before 03/19/2024):** \$10,139.79
SYSTEM NUMBER: 2010003 **DISTRICT:** 11

(Please print the above numbers on check or money order)

Total due with 10% penalty if postmarked after 03/19/2024 - \$11,153.77

PLEASE REMIT PAYMENT TO: Invoicing Date: December 20, 2023

SWRCB Accounting Office
 ATTN: Drinking Water Program Fees
 P.O. Box 1888
 Sacramento, CA 95812-1888

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 BASS LAKE WATER COMPANY
 P. O. BOX 113
 BAS LAKE, CA 93604

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Premier Valley Bank
A Division of HTLF
40061 HWY 49 - P.O. BOX 2060
OAKHURST, CA 93644
90-4327/1211

14652

1/30/2024

PAY TO THE ORDER OF State Water Resource Control Board

\$ **10,139.79

Ten Thousand One Hundred Thirty-Nine and 79/100*****

DOLLARS

State Water Resource Control Board
PO Box 1888
Sacramento, CA 95812-1888

MEMO System 2010003

Small

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

⑈014652⑈ ⑆12143273⑆ 0006604357⑈

BASS LAKE WATER COMPANY

14652

State Water Resource Control Board

Date	Type	Reference	Original Amt.	Balance Due	1/30/2024 Discount	Payment
1/31/2024	Bill	LW-1043992	10,139.79	10,139.79		10,139.79
					Check Amount	10,139.79

Yosemite Bank Check System 2010003

10,139.79