

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

Advice Letter Cover Sheet

Utility Name: Erskine Creek Water Co.

Dated Mailed to Service List: 2/9/2024

District: N/A

CPUC Utility #: WTC-288

Protest Deadline (20th Day):

Advice Letter #: 107

Review Deadline (30th Day):

Tier: 1 2 3 Compliance

Requested Effective Date: ASAP

Authorization:

Rate Impact: \$388,754
37.3%

Description: 2024 Test Year GRC

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		
DATE	STAFF	COMMENTS

APPROVED

WITHDRAWN

REJECTED

Signature: _____ Comments: _____

Date: _____

ERSKINE CREEK WATER COMPANY
KERN COUNTY

Advice Letter No. 107

February 09, 2024

TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA:

Erskine Creek Water Company (U-288-W) hereby transmits for filing revised copies of the following tariff sheets:

<u>Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.</u>	<u>Title of Sheet</u>	<u>Cancelling C.P.U.C. Sheet No.</u>
443-W	Schedule No. 1, General Metered Service	438-W
444-W	Schedule No. 4, Private Fire Protection	439-W
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This filing is for the purpose of increasing rates for water service in Kern County by \$388,754 or 37.31% in 2024. The presently effective rates were established by Advice Letter No. 105 pursuant to D. 92-03-093 (2021 CPI-U). The present rates were effective November 8, 2022.

The estimated increase in gross revenue, based on the 2024 sales to 1,133 customers, will be approximately 37.31% representing an increase from \$1,041,854 at present rates to \$1,430,608 at proposed rates on an annual basis. The following justification for the rate increase is presented:

Rate Base, 2024 Estimated

Average Plant	\$2,185,459
Working Cash	163,777
Average Materials & Supplies	4,170
Average Depreciation Reserve	(928,026)
Average Deferred Taxes	(36,371)
Average Contributions in Aid of Construction	(48,119)
Average Advances for Construction	-
Average Unamortized Investment Tax Credits	-
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Rate Base	<u>\$ 1,340,890</u>

Summary of Earnings

<u>Item</u>	<u>2022 Recorded</u>	<u>2024 Estimated</u>	
		<u>Present Rates</u>	<u>Proposed Rates</u>
Operating Revenue Metered & other	\$ 1,012,067	\$ 1,041,854	\$ 1,430,608
Operating Expenses	818,469	982,665	982,665
Depreciation Expense	57,937	89,098	89,098
Taxes other than on income	57,570	67,529	67,529
Taxes on income	13,837	(31,217)	77,570
Total Deductions	947,813	1,108,075	1,216,862
Net Operating Income	\$ 64,254	\$ (66,221)	\$ 213,746
Rate Base	1,334,917	\$1,340,890	\$1,340,890
Rate of Return	4.81%	-4.94%	15.94%
Rate of Margin			25.57%

Notice of the proposed rate increase was mailed to each customer on *(waiting on CPUC Staff approval)*

The proposed rates will result in a rate of margin of 25.57% and therefore are not unreasonable.

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

In compliance with Section 4.3 of General Order No. 96-B a copy of this advice letter has been mailed to the service list.

It is respectfully requested that the Commission approve the attached revised tariff schedules.

Erskine Creek Water Company

By: /s/ Nicholas Silicz
 Nicholas Silicz, President

Schedule No. 4
PRIVATE FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all water service furnished for privately owned fire protection systems.

TERRITORY

The unincorporated community of Lake Isabella and vicinity, Kern County.

RATES

Total Rate
Every Two
Months

For each inch in diameter of service connection

\$ 25.11 (I)

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. The fire protection service and connection shall be installed by the utility at the utility's directions. Cost for the entire fire protection installation, excluding the connection at the main shall be paid for by the applicant. Such payment shall not be subject to refund.
2. The expense of maintaining the private fire protection facilities on the applicant's premises (including the vault, meter, and backflow device) shall be paid for by the applicant.
3. All facilities paid for by the applicant shall be the sole property of the applicant. The utility and its duly appointed agents shall have the right to ingress to, and egress from the premises for all purposes related to said facilities.
4. The minimum diameter for fire protection service shall be four inches, and the maximum diameter shall not be more than the diameter of the main to which the service is connected.
5. If a distribution main of adequate size to serve a private fire protection system in addition to all other normal service does not exist in the street or alley adjacent to the premises to be served, then a main extension from the nearest existing main of adequate capacity shall be required by the utility.
6. Service hereunder is for private fire protection systems to which no connections for other than fire protection purposes are allowed and which are regularly inspected by the underwriters having jurisdiction. All facilities are to be installed according to the utility's specifications and maintained to the utility's satisfaction. The utility may require the installation of a backflow prevention device and a standard detector type meter approved by the Insurance Services Office for protection against theft, leakage, or waste of water.
7. No structure shall be built over the fire protection service and the customer shall maintain and safeguard the area occupied by the service from traffic and other hazardous conditions. The customer will be responsible for any damage to the fire protection service facilities.
8. Subject to the approval of the utility, any change in the location or construction of the fire protection service as may be required by public authority or the customers will be made by the utility following payment to the utility of the entire cost of such change.
9. Any unauthorized use of water through the fire protection service will be charged for at the applicable tariff rates and may be grounds for the utility's discontinuing fire protection service without liability.

(To be inserted by utility)

Issued By

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

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Nicholas Silicz
Name

Date Filed _____

Decision No. _____

President
Title

Effective _____

Resolution No. _____

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Service List

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Bakersfield, CA 93301

Mountain Mesa Water Company
skissick@msn.com

California Water Service Co.
1720 North 1st Street
San Jose, CA 95112
760-379-5336

I hereby certify that the above service list has been served a copy of AL 107 on February 9, 2024.

Executed in Huntington Beach, California on February 9, 2024.

By: /s/ Christian L Aldinger
Christian L Aldinger
Representative