

CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Water Division

Advice Letter Cover Sheet

Utility Name: Rogina Water Company, Inc.	Date Mailed to Service List: June 27, 2024
District: NA	
CPUC Utility #: U-WTC 41	Protest Deadline (20th Day): July 16, 2024
Advice Letter #: 93-W	Review Deadline (30th Day): July 26, 2024
Tier <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Compliance	Requested Effective Date: June 27, 2024
Authorization D.92-03-093	
Description: 2023 CPI-U Rate Adjustment	Rate Impact: \$31,996 3.4%

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.

Utility Contact: Wayne Rogina	Utility Contact 2:
Phone: (707) 462-4056	Phone 2:
Email: drogina@pacific.net	Email 2:

DWA Contact: Tariff Unit

Phone: (415) 703-1133

Email: Water.Division@cpuc.ca.gov

DWA USE ONLY		
<u>DATE</u>	<u>STAFF</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
7/26/2024	Evan Chang	Recommend approval of AL 93-W. Independent earning test confirms 7.4% Rate of Return after 3.4% rate increase.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPROVED	<input type="checkbox"/> WITHDRAWN	<input type="checkbox"/> REJECTED
Signature: <u>/s/Wilson Tsai</u>	Comments: <u>Approved with effective date of June 27, 2024.</u>	
Date: <u>7/26/24</u>	_____	

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June 27, 2024

Advice Letter No. 93-W

TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Rogina Water Company (RWC) 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>
536-W	Schedule No. 1, General Metered Service	523-W
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REQUEST

By AL 93-W, RWC requests permission to increase its revenues (based on increase to the present monthly quantity rate and service charge) by 3.4%, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for 2023. The projected revenue increase of \$31,996 will not result in a rate of return which exceeds the authorized rate of return of 10.57%. Workpapers justifying this increase are enclosed.

BACKGROUND

The present rates became effective on May 12, 2023, by approval of AL No. 90-W, which implemented a Consumer Price Index increase of \$57,436 or 6.5%.

The last general rate increase became effective on July 14, 2016, pursuant to Resolution W-

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5094, which authorized a general rate increase of \$87,071, or 11.88% and a rate of return of 10.57%.

AL #93-W is filed pursuant to Ordering Paragraphs No. 1 of Decision 92-03-093 and Resolution W-4493, which authorize Class C and D water and sewer utilities to file a request for a CPI increase once a year by AL. The increase is to be passed on to the utility's customers in their quantity rate and service charge.

TIER DESIGNATION AND REQUESTED EFFECTIVE DATE

This AL and the enclosed tariff sheets are submitted pursuant to General Order (GO.) 96-B. AL 93-W is designated as a Tier 1 AL 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 served 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.

¹GO. 96-B, Water Industry Rule 7.3.1

² GO. 96-B, General Rule 4.2

³ GO. 96-B, Water Industry Rule 3.2

⁴ GO. 96-B, Water Industry Rule 4.1

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RESPONSE OR PROTEST⁵

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.

⁵ GO. 96-B, General Rule 7.4.1

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A protest shall provide citations or proofs where available to allow staff to properly consider the protest. The Water Division (DW) 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 DW, the respondent or protestant shall send a copy of the protest to RWC at:

Mailing Address:

Rogina Water Company
Attn: Wayne Rogina
1850 Talmage Rd
Ukiah, CA 95482

Email Address:

drogina@pacific.net

Cities and counties that need Board of Supervisors or Board of Commissioners approval to protest should inform DW, 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 DW 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.⁶

⁶ GO. 96-B, General Rule 7.4.3

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SERVICE LIST

Millview County Water District
151 Laws Avenue
Ukiah, CA 95482

Willow County Water District
151 Laws Avenue
Ukiah, CA 95482

City of Ukiah
300 Seminary Avenue
Ukiah, CA. 95482

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the service list from Advice Letter #93-W has been served a copy of this Advice Letter on June 27, 2024.

Executed in Talmage, California on June 27, 2024.

By: /S/ WAYNE ROGINA
Wayne Rogina
Assistant Vice President

Enclosures

Earnings Test
Rogina Water Company, Inc.
Summary of Earnings

Category	Most Recent	AL #74- 2017 CPI @.71%	AL #86- 2021 CPI @ 7%	AL #90- 2022 CPI @ 6.5%	Total Adopted Rates e=a+b+c+d	Actual 2023 f	CPI Increase	Revenue After
	Adopted in Resolution W- 5094 July 14, 2016 TY2016 a						@3.4% on Adopted Revenue Only g=e X 3.4%	Actual Expenses, & Actual Rate Base (Revenues) h=g + f
Operating Revenues:								
Irrigation	17,834	127	1,257	1,249	20,467	34,480	696	35,176
Metered	800,125	5,681	56,406	56,044	918,256	862,363	31,221	893,584
Approved Total Surcharge Revenue(s)								
Private Fire Protection	2,041	14	144	143	2,342	1,753	80	1,833
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	820,000	5,822	57,808	57,436	941,065	898,596	31,996	930,592
Operating Expenses:								
Purchased Water	23,500					69,179		69,179
Purchased Power	85,280					90,178		90,178
Purchased Chemicals	-							-
Other Volume Related Expenses	7,289					11,285		11,285
Employee Labor	70,231					94,604		94,604
Materials	17,382					26,856		26,856
Contract Work	28,334					53,774		53,774
Water Testing								-
Transportation Expense	22,239					27,147		27,147
Other Plant Maintenance	5,844					10,128		10,128
Office Salaries	27,837					50,470		50,470
Management Salaries	72,625					87,107		87,107
Employee Pension and Benefits	45,045					43,606		43,606
Uncollectibles	738					786		786
Office Service and Rentals	5,277					30,299		30,299
Office Supplies and Expenses	28,524					25,454		25,454
Professional Services	17,002					14,219		14,219
Insurance	19,378					21,177		21,177
Regulatory Compliance Expense	9,600					26,580		26,580
General Expenses	16,127					2,422		2,422
Capitalized Expense	-							-
SUBTOTAL	502,252					685,271		685,271
Depreciation	84,752					79,893		79,893
Taxes Other than Income	32,391					37,521		37,521
State and Federal Income Taxes	65,467					8,367		8,367
Interest	-					11,485		11,485
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	684,862					822,537		822,537
NET REVENUE	135,138					76,059		108,055
RATE BASE								
Average Plant	2,937,624					3,562,065		3,562,065
Less: Average Accumulated Depreciation	1,360,926					1,914,984		1,914,984
NET PLANT	1,576,698					1,647,082		1,647,082
Less: Advances	60,384					5,655		5,655
Contribution in aid of construction	212,188					247,926		247,926
Deferred income taxes	76,822					-		-
Plus: CWIP	-					-		-
Plus: Working Cash	41,854					57,106		57,106
Materials & Supplies	9,500					9,500		9,500
RATE BASE	1,278,659					1,460,106		1,460,106
RATE OF RETURN	10.57%					5.21%		7.40%
Earnings Test:	7.40%					<	10.57%	

Schedule No. 1

GENERAL METERED SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all metered water service

TERRITORY

Talmage and vicinity, near Ukiah, Mendocino County

RATES

Quantity Rate:

For all water per 100 cubic feet \$ 2.909 (I)

Service Charge:

Per Month

For	5/8 x 3/4 -inch meter	\$ 27.75	(I)
For	3/4-inch meter	\$ 41.62	(I)
For	1-inch meter	\$ 69.38	(I)
For	1 1/2 -inch meter	\$ 138.73	(I)
For	2-inch meter	\$ 221.98	(I)
For	3-inch meter	\$ 416.22	(I)
For	4-inch meter	\$ 693.69	(I)
For	6-inch meter	\$1,387.37	(I)

The service charge is a readiness-to-serve charge, which is applicable to all metered service, and to which is added the monthly charge for water used computed at the Quantity Rate.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. A late charge will be imposed by Schedule No. LC.
2. In accordance with Section 2714 of the Public Utilities Code, if a tenant in a rental unit leaves owing the company, service to subsequent tenants in that unit will, at the company's option, be furnished on the account of the landlord or property owner.
3. All bills are subject to the Reimbursement Fee set forth in Schedule No. UF.
4. A \$5.80 bill surcharge shall be applied to each customer's monthly water bill to amortize the Purchased Water Balancing Account of \$69,143.07. The surcharge shall be separately identified on each bill and in place for a period of 12 months, or until the full amount has been collected from the effective date of Advice Letter 87-W.

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Asst. Vice President

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Schedule No. 3M

IRRIGATION SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all metered irrigation service

TERRITORY

Talmage and vicinity, near Ukiah, Mendocino County

RATES

Quantity Rate:

All water used per 100 cubic feet \$ 2.300 (I)

Service Charge:

	<u>Per Meter</u>	
	<u>Per Year</u>	
For 1 1/2 -inch meter	\$ 786.62	(I)
For 2-inch meter	\$ 1,258.58	(I)
For 3-inch meter	\$ 2,359.84	(I)
For 4-inch meter	\$ 3,933.05	(I)
For 6-inch meter	\$ 7,866.10	(I)

The service charge is a readiness-to-serve charge, which is applicable to all metered service, and to which is added the monthly charge for water used computed at the Quantity Rate.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. The annual service charge shall be payable prior to commencement of each irrigation year.
2. This service charge is secondary to domestic service and the utility must be given 24 hours notice before each irrigation. In the event that insufficient water is available for all irrigation users to be served at the same time, rotation of use may be required.
3. All bills are subject to the Reimbursement Fee set forth in Schedule No. UF.

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Schedule No. 4

PRIVATE FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

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

TERRITORY

Talmage and vicinity, near Ukiah, Mendocino County

RATES

Quantity Rate:		
All water used per 100 cubic feet	\$ 2.342	(I)
Service Charge:		
	<u>Per Service Per Month</u>	
For each inch in diameter of service connection	\$ 7.208	(I)

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. The fire protection service connection shall be installed by the utility and the cost paid by the applicant. Such payment shall not be subject to refund.
2. The minimum diameter for fire protection service shall be four inches, and the maximum diameter shall not be more than the main to which the service is connected.
3. If a distribution main of adequate size to serve a private fire protection system in addition to all the other normal service does not exist in the street or alley adjacent to the premises to be served, then a service main from the nearest existing main of adequate capacity shall be installed by the utility and the cost paid by the applicant. Such payment shall not be subject to refund.
4. Service hereunder is for private fire protection systems to which no connection for other than fire protection purposes are allowed, and which are regularly inspected by the underwriters having jurisdiction, are installed according to specifications of the utility, and are maintained to the satisfaction of the utility. The utility may install the standard detector type meter approved by the Board of Fire Underwriters for the protection against theft, leakage, waste of water, and the cost paid by the applicant. Such payment shall not be subject to refund.
5. The utility undertakes to supply only such water at such pressure as may be available at any time through the normal operation of its system.
6. All bills are subject to the Reimbursement fee set forth in Schedule No. UF.

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Schedule No. 9TS

TANK SERVICE
WATER FROM HYDRANTS ON MAIN LINES

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all water sold hydrants to water trucks by meter or tank measurements.

TERRITORY

Talmage and vicinity, near Ukiah, Mendocino County

RATES

Quantity Rate:

Per 100 cubic feet \$ 1.083 (I)

Service Charge:

A service charge at a hourly rate will be made for installing a meter or both on the hydrant. This rate will be based on the judgement of the Company at a fair labor rate.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. All bills are subject to the Reimbursement Fee set forth in Schedule No. UF

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Schedule F

FACILITIES FEES

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all customers applying for service from the Utility in the territory served for premises services not previously connected to its distribution mains, for additional service connections to existing premises, and for increases in size of service connections to existing premises.

TERRITORY

Talmage and vicinity, near Ukiah, Mendocino County

RATES

Initial Fee for each Service Connection

For	5/8 x 3/4 -inch meter	\$ 3,696	(I)
For	3/4-inch meter	\$ 5,543	(I)
For	1-inch meter	\$ 9,240	(I)
For	1 1/2 -inch meter	\$ 18,482	(I)
For	2-inch meter	\$ 29,569	(I)
For	3-inch meter	\$ 55,427	(I)
For	4-inch meter	\$ 92,379	(I)

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. Facilities are payable in addition to and do not limit any charges for extensions of mains that may be applicable under Rule 15, Main Extensions.
2. Payments made under this schedule are not subject to the reimbursement fee set forth in Schedule No. UF.
3. Facilities fees authorized herein shall be deposited within five days of receipt in a separate bank account paying interest. A direct confirmation from the bank shall be mailed to the Director of the Water Division after making such deposit to verify the amount deposited.
4. Facilities Fees shall be treated as Contributions-in-Aid-of-Construction and follow the requirements as specified in the Internal Revenue Code Section 118 to qualify as such.
5. Facilities fees shall be accounted for as Contributions-in-Aid-of-Construction in accordance with the Commission's prescribed Uniform System of Accounts. In addition, the balance of facilities fees collected including interest, shall be reported in the utility's annual report to the Commission.
6. The plant constructed with facilities fees shall be removed from rate base for rate-making purposes.

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