

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

Advice Letter Cover Sheet

Utility Name: Baycliff Water

Date Mailed to Service List: Mar. 28, 2024

CPUC Utility #: WTD 422

Protest Deadline (20th Day): Apr. 17, 2024

Advice Letter #: 16-W

Review Deadline (30th Day): Apr. 27, 2024

Tier 1 2 3 Compliance

Requested Effective Date: Mar. 28, 2024

Authorization D.92-03-093

Rate Impact: \$2,180
3.4%

Description: 2022 CPI-U

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WITHDRAWN

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Signature: _____

Comments: _____

Date: _____

Baycliff Water

13449 Anderson Road, Lower Lake, CA 95006

Telephone (707) 350-1059

March 28, 2024

Advice Letter No. 16-W

TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Baycliff Water (BAYCLIFF) 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>
149-W	Schedule No. 1-A, General Metered Service	143-W
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REQUEST

By AL 16-W, BAYCLIFF requests permission to increase its revenues (based on increase to the present monthly quantity rate and service charge) by 6.5%, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for 2022. This projected revenue increase of \$ 3,913 will not result in a rate of margin which exceeds the authorized rate of margin of 23.65%. Work papers justifying this increase are enclosed.

BACKGROUND

The last general rate increase and present rates became effective on October 10, 2019, pursuant to Resolution W-5203, which authorized a general rate increase of \$22,015, or 57.65%, and a rate of margin of 23.65%.

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AL 16-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 16-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.

RESPONSE OR PROTEST⁵

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 GO. 96-B, Water Industry Rule 7.3.1

² GO. 96-B, General Rule 4.2

³ GO. 96-B, General Rule 3.2

⁴ GO. 96-B, Water Industry Rule 4.1

⁵ GO. 96-B, General Rule 7.4.1

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

Mailing Address:

California Public Utilities
Commission
Water Division, 3rd Floor
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

Email Address:

Water.Division@cpuc.ca.gov

On the same day the response or protest is submitted to DWA, the respondent or protestant shall send a copy of the protest to BAYCLIFF at:

Mailing Address:

Baycliff Water Company

Email Address:

bcwater1@pacific.net

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Attn: Peter Nolasco
13449 Anderson Road
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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. Each 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 to the person who filed the protest or response.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served a copy of Advice Letter 16-W on the parties listed on the following Distribution List by mailing a properly addressed copy by first class mail with postage prepaid or by email to those marked with an asterisk (*).

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Executed in Lower Lake, California on March 28, 2024.

Baycliff Water

By: /s/ PETER NOLASCO
Peter Nolasco

Schedule No. 1-A
 GENERAL METERED SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all metered service.

TERRITORY

Jones Bay area of Lower Lake on Clear Lake, Lake County

RATES

Quantity Rates:

	<u>Tier 1</u>	<u>Tier 2</u>	<u>Tier 3</u>	
All water, per 100 cu. ft	\$4.54	\$9.65	\$14.47	(I)
	=<4 ccf	Over 4 to 8 ccf	Over 8 ccf	

Service Charge:

		Per Meter Per Month	
For .	5/8 x 3/4-in	\$ 79.21	(I)
For	3/4-in	\$ 118.81	(I)
For	1-in	\$ 198.02	(I)

The service charge is a readiness to service charge, which is applicable to all metered service and to which is added the monthly charges computed at Quantity Rates.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS:

1. All bills are subject to the reimbursement fee set forth on Schedule UF.
2. A late charge will be imposed per Schedule No. LC.

(To be inserted by utility)

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President

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

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Schedule No. 2-AR

ANNUAL RESIDENTIAL FLAT RATE
SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all residential service furnished on a flat rate basis.

TERRITORY

Jones Bay area of Lower Lake on Clear Lake, Lake County

RATES

	Per Service Connection Per Year	
For a single-family residential unit	\$ 1,052.07	(I)

SPECIAL CONDITIONS:

1. The above residential flat rate applies to a service connection not larger than one inch in diameter.
2. Water provided under this schedule shall not be used for outside plants, lawns, and landscape and surface areas, regardless of customer address or time of use.
3. The annual flat rate charge applies to service during the 12-month period commencing January 1 and is due in advance. A permanent resident of the area who has been a customer of the utility for at least 12 months may elect, at the beginning of the calendar (monthly, bimonthly, or quarterly) in accordance with the utility's established billing periods.
4. The opening bill for flat service shall be the established annual flat rate charge or the service. Where the 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-sixth-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 charges for the succeeding annual period.
5. All bills are subject to the reimbursement fee set forth on Schedule UF.

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Schedule No. F

FACILITIES FEES

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all customers applying for service from the utility in the territory served for premises 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 due to change in use to all flat rate residential and commercial water service.

TERRITORY

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

RATES

Initial Fee for each Service Connection

For	5/8-inch meter.....	\$ 2,244	(I)
For	3/4-inch meter.....	\$ 3,367	(I)
For	1-inch meter.....	\$ 5,610	(I)
For	1 1/2-inch meter.....	\$ 11,221	(I)
For	2-inch meter.....	\$ 17,954	(I)

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. Facility fees 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.

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Owner

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AL #16-W Earnings Test

Baycliff Water Company Summary of Earnings

Category	Most Recent Adopted in Resolution W-5203 OCT. 10, 2019 a	AL #14-W CPI @6.5% b	Total Adopted Revenue c=a+b	Actual 2023 d	CPI Increase @3.4% on Adopted Revenue Only e=c*3.4%	Revenue After CPI Increase, Actual Expenses, & Actual Rate Base (Revenues) d=b + c
Operating Revenues:						
Flat Rate	60,199	3,913	64,112	55,266	2,180	57,446
Metered				0	-	0
Approved Total Surcharge Revenue(s)				0	-	0
Private Fire Protection				0	-	0
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	60,199	3,913	64,112	55,266	2,180	57,446
Operating Expenses:						
Purchased Water						-
Purchased Power	2,085			2,097		2,097
Purchased Chemicals	-					-
Other Volume Related Expenses	-					-
Employee Labor	-			730		730
Materials	-			-		-
Contract Work	805					-
Water Testing	1,564			-		-
Transportation Expense	2,187			1,438		1,438
Other Plant Maintenance	6,666			3,993		3,993
Office Salaries	5,358			5,500		5,500
Management Salaries	14,739			17,400		17,400
Employee Pension and Benefits	6,000			-		-
Uncollectibles	383			-		-
Office Service and Rentals	-			245		245
Office Supplies and Expenses	215			1,701		1,701
Professional Services	-			1,299		1,299
Insurance	2,096			9,856		9,856
Regulatory Compliance Expense	-					-
General Expenses	59			2,802		2,802
SUBTOTAL	42,157			47,061		47,061
Depreciation	1,650			1,933		1,933
Taxes Other than Income	2,006			2,209		2,209
State and Federal Income Taxes	4,026			-		-
Interest	-			-		-
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	49,839			51,203		51,203
NET REVENUE	10,360			4,063		6,243
RATE BASE						
Average Plant	68,542			112,686		112,686
Less: Average Accumulated Depreciation	20,884			28,534		28,534
NET PLANT	47,658			84,153		84,153
Less: Advances	-			-		-
Contributions	-			-		-
Plus: Working Cash	3,264			3,922		3,922
Materials & Supplies	167			-		-
RATE BASE	51,089			88,074		88,074
RATE OF MARGIN	23.65%			7.35%		10.87%
Earnings Test:	10.87%	<		23.65%		