

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

**Advice Letter Cover Sheet**

**Utility Name:** Havasu Water Company

**Date Mailed to Service List:** Dec 3 2024

**CPUC Utility #:** WTD 352

**Protest Deadline (20<sup>th</sup> Day):** Dec. 23, 2024

**Advice Letter #:** 53-W

**Review Deadline (30<sup>th</sup> Day):** Jan. 2, 2025

**Tier**     1     2     3     Compliance

**Requested Effective Date:** Dec. 3, 2024

**Authorization** D.92-03-093

**Rate Impact:** \$9,588

**Description:** 2023 CPI Adjustment

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:** Jennifer Hodges

**Utility Contact 2:**

**Phone:** (949) 289-0532

**Phone 2:**

**Email:** [havasuwater@outlook.com](mailto:havasuwater@outlook.com)

**Email 2:**

**DWA Contact:** Tariff Unit

**Phone:** (415) 703-1133

**Email:** [Water.Division@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:Water.Division@cpuc.ca.gov)

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COMMENTS

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**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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# Havasu Water Company

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Havasu Lake, CA 92363  
Telephone (949) 289-0532

December 3, 2024

Advice Letter No. 53-W

TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Havasu Water Company, Inc. (HAVASU) hereby transmits for filing one original and one copy of this advice letter and the following tariff sheets which are enclosed:

<b><u>NEW SHEET #</u></b>	<b><u>TITLE</u></b>	<b><u>CANCELLING SHEET #</u></b>
321-W	Schedule No. 1, General Metered Service	318-W
322-W	Schedule No. F, Facilities Fees	319-W
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## **REQUEST**

By AL No. 53-W, HAVASU 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 \$9,588 will not result in a rate of margin which exceeds the authorized rate of margin of 23.65%. Workpapers justifying this increase are enclosed.

## **BACKGROUND**

The present rates became effective on August 28, 2023, by approval of AL No. 50-W, which implemented a Consumer Price Index increase of \$17,943 or 6.5%.

The last general rate increase became effective on June 11, 2020, pursuant to Resolution W-5224, which authorized a general rate increase of \$49,165, or 21.67% and a rate of margin of 23.65%.

AL #53-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**

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This AL and the enclosed tariff sheets are submitted pursuant to General Order (GO.) 96-B. AL #53-W is designated as a Tier 1 AL and the enclosed tariff sheets will become effective upon filing.<sup>1</sup>

## **NOTICE**

This AL does not require notice;<sup>2</sup> 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.<sup>3</sup> A copy of this AL has been served to all parties listed on the service list<sup>4</sup> 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 PROTEST**<sup>5</sup>

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.
7. 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.

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<sup>1</sup>GO. 96-B, Water Industry Rule 7.3.1

<sup>2</sup>GO. 96-B, General Rule 4.2

<sup>3</sup>GO. 96-B, Water Industry Rule 3.2

<sup>4</sup>GO. 96-B, Water Industry Rule 4.1

<sup>5</sup>GO. 96-B, General Rule 7.4.1

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8. 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](mailto: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 Water Division (WD), the respondent or protestant shall send a copy of the protest to HAVASU at:

**Mailing Address:**

Havasu Water Company  
Attn: Jennifer Hodges  
148896 Havasu Lake Rd.  
Havasu Lake, CA 92363

**Email Address:**

[havasuwat@outlook.com](mailto:havasuwat@outlook.com)

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.<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>6</sup> GO. 96-B, General Rule 7.4.3

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LAFCO  
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San Bernardino, CA 92415

Land Use Services  
San Bernardino County  
385 N. Arrowhead Avenue  
San Bernardino, CA 92415

San Bernardino Fire Authority  
620 South "E" Street  
San Bernardino, CA 92415

David G. Brownlee  
City of Needles  
817 Third Street  
Needles, CA 92363

Colorado River Board of California  
770 Fairmount Avenue Suite 100  
Glendale, CA 91203- 1068

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I hereby certify that the service list from AL #53-W has been served a copy of this AL on December 3, 2024.

Executed in Havasu Lake, California on December 3, 2024.

HAVASU Water Company

By: /s/ JENNIFER HODGES  
Jennifer Hodges  
President

Enclosures

AL #53-W Earnings Test  
Havasu Water Company  
Summary of Earnings

Category	Most Recent Adopted in Resolution W-5224 TY 2019 6-11-20 a	Actual 2023 b	CPI Increase @3.4% on Adopted Revenue c=a*3.4%	Revenue After Increase, Actual Expenses, & Actual Rate (Revenues) d=b
<b>Operating Revenues:</b>				
Flat Rate				
Metered	276,050	282,000	9,588	291,588
Approved Total Surcharge		-		-
Private Fire Protection		-		-
<b>TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES</b>	<b>276,050</b>	<b>282,000</b>	<b>9,588</b>	<b>291,588</b>
<b>Operating Expenses:</b>				
Purchased Water	7,570	8,137		8,137
Purchased Power	13,135	16,914		16,914
Other Volume Related Expenses	3,416	-		-
Employee Labor	36,770	44,889		44,889
Materials	7,388	16,704		16,704
Contract Work	8,161	14,699		14,699
Water Testing		-		-
Transportation Expense	2,474	8,161		8,161
Other Plant Maintenance				-
Office Salaries	36,426	11,065		11,065
Management Salaries	18,364	17,610		17,610
Employee Pension and Benefits	6,084	-		-
Uncollectibles				-
Office Service and Rentals	11,909	9,000		9,000
Office Supplies and Expenses	10,866	14,846		14,846
Professional Services	5,228	89,126		89,126
Insurance	14,730	9,371		9,371
Regulatory Compliance Expense	3,134	2,097		2,097
General Expenses	2,993	11,988		11,988
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>188,648</b>	<b>200,001</b>		<b>200,001</b>
Depreciation	9,880	10,002		10,002
Taxes Other than Income	12,646	8,931		8,931
State and Federal Income Taxes	17,932	-		-
Interest	-	505	-	505
<b>TOTAL DEDUCTIONS</b>	<b>229,106</b>	<b>294,045</b>		<b>294,045</b>
<b>NET REVENUE</b>	<b>46,944</b>	<b>-12,045</b>		<b>-2,457</b>
<b>RATE BASE</b>				
Average Plant	475,004	480,804		480,804
Less: Average Accumulated	325,362	375,057		375,057
<b>NET PLANT</b>	<b>149,642</b>	<b>105,748</b>		<b>105,748</b>
Less: Advances	-	-		-
Contributions	108,000	62,926		62,926
Plus: Working Cash	15,721	16,667		16,667
Materials & Supplies	333	500		500
<b>RATE BASE</b>	<b>57,696</b>	<b>59,989</b>		<b>59,989</b>
<b>RATE OF MARGIN</b>	<b>23.65%</b>	<b>-4.27%</b>		<b>-0.84%</b>
<b>Earnings Test:</b>	<b>-0.84%</b>	<b>&lt;</b>	<b>23.65%</b>	

**SCHEDULE NO. 1**

**GENERAL METERED SERVICES**

**APPLICABILITY**

Applicable to all metered water service furnished on a monthly basis.

**TERRITORY**

The area known as Tract Nos. 6493, 6494, 6495, 5968, 8284 and vicinity, and a 40-acre parcel about 3,000 feet to the north located near Havasu Landing, approximately 28 south of Needles, San Bernardino County.

**RATES**

**Quantity Rate:**

For all water, per 100 cu. ft. \$7.06 (l)

**Service Charges:**

**Per Meter Per Year**

For 5/8 x 3/4- inch meter	\$ 95.56	(l)
For 3/4-inch meter	\$ 143.34	(l)
For 1 -inch meter	\$ 157.69	(l)
For 1-1/2-inch meter	\$ 286.69	(l)
For 2-inch meter	\$ 764.52	(l)
For 3-inch meter	\$1,433.47	(l)
For 4-inch meter	\$2,389.12	(l)

The Service Charge is a readiness-to-serve charge, which is applicable to all metered services, and to which is to be added to the monthly charge computed at the Quantity Rate.

**SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

1. A late charge will be imposed per 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. In the event that customer terminates service under this schedule and reinstates service at the same location, there will be a reconnection charge equal to the minimum charge which would have been billed had the customer not terminated service.
4. All bills are subject to the reimbursement fee as 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**

The area known as Tract Nos. 6493, 6494, 6495, 5968, 8284 and vicinity, and a 40-acre parcel about 3,000 feet to the north located near Havasu Landing, approximately 28 south of Needles, San Bernardino County.

**RATES**

Initial Fee for each Service Connection

For 5/8 x 3/4- inch meter	\$ 3,215	(l)
For 3/4-inch meter	\$ 4,823	(l)
For 1 –inch meter	\$ 8,036	(l)
For 1-1/2-inch meter	\$ 16,074	(l)

**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. The fees shall be used only for the repair and replacement of the installation of new infrastructure.
4. These fees shall be deposited in separate trustee account and used only upon permission of the Water Division or its successors.

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