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WATER DIVISION**

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October 5, 2024
Advice Letter No. 17

TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Meadow Valley Water Works (MVWW) 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>
171-W,172-W	General Flat Rate Service Untreated Water - Schedule No. 2U	167-W, 168-W
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REQUEST

By AL 17, MVWW 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 2019. This projected revenue increase of \$238 will not result in a rate of return which exceeds the authorized rate of return of 24.89%. Workpapers justifying this increase are enclosed.

BACKGROUND

The last general rate increase became effective on November 10, 2011, pursuant to Resolution W-4893, which authorized a general rate increase of \$2,821, or 98.8%, and a rate of return of 24.98%

AL 17 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.

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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. AL 17 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 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.

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

Email Address:

Robert.dean2@comcast.net

Mailing Address:

Meadow Valley Water Works
Attn: Robert Dean
PO Box 37
Meadow Valley, CA 95956

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.⁶

⁶ GO. 96-B, General Rule 7.4.3

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Coventry, Marc & Diane
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Meadow Valley Cemetery
PO Box 208
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I hereby certify that the above service list will be served a copy of AL 17 on November 4, 2024 as an insert with their quarterly billing invoice.

Executed in Meadow Valley , California on the October 5, 2024.

Meadow Valley Water Works

By: 
Robert Dean
Manager

Enclosures

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The following listed tariff sheets contain all effective rates and rules affecting the charges and services of the utility, together with other pertinent information.

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Schedule No. 2U

Meadow Valley Water Works

GENERAL FLAT RATE SERVICE – UNTREATED WATER

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all Flat Rate service of untreated water, other than for irrigation service

TERRITORY

The unincorporated community of Meadow Valley, and vicinity, located approximately eight (8) miles west of Quincy, Plumas County.

RATES

	<u>Per Service Connection Per</u> <u>Month</u>	
For single -family residential unit, school livestock barn, store, or other business establishment	\$25.85	(I)
a. For each guest cabin on the same premises and served from the same service connection, during months of occupancy:	\$12.92	(I)
b. For each shower house used in connection with guest cabins, during months of occupancy:	\$19.29	(I)
For Meadow Valley Cemetery:	\$25.85	(I)

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. Water will be delivered by utility at its ditch. Water deliveries from the utility's ditch to premises of the customer shall be the responsibility of the customer.
2. The water supplied under this schedule is from open ditches and is untreated. The utility does not guarantee that any water delivered hereunder is potable or of a quality suitable for human consumption. Any customer who uses said water or makes it available to others for human consumption shall take all the necessary precautions to make it potable and shall assume all risks and liabilities in connection therewith.

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3. The utility does guarantee a continuous and uninterrupted supply under this schedule and reserves the right to temporarily suspend the delivery of water when it is necessary to take the whole or any part of its water system out of service for the purposes of cleaning, maintaining, repairing or making essential improvements thereon.

4. All bills are subject to reimbursement fee set forth on Schedule 2U.

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ROBERT DEAN
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MANAGER

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Schedule No. 3M

Meadow Valley Water Works

MEASURED IRRIGATION SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all Irrigation service.

TERRITORY

The unincorporated community of Meadow Valley, and vicinity, located approximately eight (8) miles west of Quincy, Plumas County.

RATES

Quantity Charge:	<u>Per Miner's Inch - Day</u>	
For all water delivered	\$0.49	(I)
		(I)

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. A miner's inch is defined as a rate of flow equal to one fortieth of a cubic foot water per second.
2. The Water supplied under this schedule is from open ditches and is untreated. The utility does not guarantee that any water delivered hereunder is potable or of a quality suitable for human consumption. Any customer who uses said water, or makes it available to others for human consumption shall take all necessary precautions to make it potable and shall assume all risks and liabilities in connection therewith.
3. All bills are subject to the reimbursement.

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Robert Dean
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MANAGER

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Earning Test				
Category	Most Recent Adopted in Resolution W-4893 November 10, 2011	Annual Report (2023)	3.4% CPI Increase On Adopted Revenues Only	Revenue After CPI Increase, Actual Expenses, & Actual Base
Operating Revenues:				
Unmetered	\$3,000	\$2,749	\$102	\$2,851
Irrigation	\$4,004	\$3,632	\$136	\$3,768
Total Operating Revenues	\$7,004	\$6,381	\$238	\$6,619
Operating Expenses:				
Other Volume Related Expenses				
Employee Labor	\$1,500.00			
Materials				
Contract Work	\$600.00	\$2,693.00		\$2,693
Transportation Expenses	\$330.00	\$1,480.00		\$1,480
Other Plant Maintenance				
Office Salaries	\$1,000.00			
Management Salaries		\$2,250.00		\$2,250
Employee Pension and Benefits				
Uncollectibles Account Expense				
Office Service and Rentals				
Office Supplies and Expenses	\$371.00			
Professional Services				
Insurance	\$800.00	\$950.00		\$950
Regulatory Compliance Expense	\$50.00			
General Expenses		\$316.00		\$316
Total Operating Expenses	\$4,651.00	\$7,689.00		\$7,689.00
Depreciation Expenses				\$0.00
Taxes Other Than Income	\$148.00	\$90.00		\$90.00
State Corporate Income Tax Expense	\$800.00			\$0.00
Federal Corporate Income Taxes Expense	\$211.00			\$0.00
Interest Expense				
Subtotal	\$1,159.00	\$90.00		\$90.00
Total Deductions	\$5,810.00	\$7,779.00		\$7,779.00
Total Utility Operating Income	\$1,194.00	-\$1,398.00		-\$1,159.86
Rate Base:				
Average Plant	\$16,545.00	\$16,545.00		\$16,545.00
Less: Average Accumulated Depreciation	\$18,049.00	\$16,545.00		\$16,545.00
Net Plant	-\$1,504.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
Less: Advances				\$0.00
Less: Contributions				\$0.00
Plus: Working Cash		\$820.00		\$820.00
Plus: Materials and Supplies				\$0.00
				\$0.00
Rate Base	-\$1,504.00			\$0.00
Rate of Return	0.00%			\$0.00
Rate of Margin	24.89%	-17.97%		-14.91%
Earnings Test		ROM	Passes	ROM after CPI Increase

Schedule No. 2U - General Flat Rate Service - Untreated Water			
Connection	Per Service Connection Per Month	CPI Increase 3.4%	Requested Rate
1. For a single-family residential unit, school, livestock barn, store or other business establishment	\$25.00	\$0.85	\$25.85
a. For each guest cabin on the same premises and served from the same service connection, during months of occupancy:	\$12.48	\$0.42	\$12.90
b. For each shower house used in connection with guest cabins, during months of occupancy:	\$18.66	\$0.63	\$19.29
2. For Meadow Valley Cemetery	\$25.00	\$0.85	\$25.85

Schedule No. 3M - Measured Irrigation Service			
Connection	Per Miner's Inch-Day	CPI Increase 3.4%	Requested Rate
For all water delivered	\$0.47	\$0.02	\$0.49