

CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
Water Division
Advice Letter Cover Sheet

Utility Name: Mira Monte Water Company
District:
CPUC Utility #: WTD 401
Advice Letter #: 31-W
Tier ☒ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ Compliance
Authorization D.92-03-093
Description: 2023 CPI Adjustment

Date Mailed to Service List: Sep. 12, 2024
Protest Deadline (20th Day): Oct. 1, 2024
Review Deadline (30th Day): Oct. 11, 2024
Requested Effective Date: Sep. 12, 2024
Rate Impact: \$862
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: Eric Patterson
Phone: 530-200-2253
Email: epatterson133.com

Utility Contact 2:
Phone 2:
Email 2:

DWA Contact: Tariff Unit
Phone: (415) 703-1133
Email: Water.Division@cpuc.ca.gov

| DWA USE ONLY | | |
|--------------|------------------|--|
| DATE | STAFF | COMMENTS |
| 10/02/2024 | Byungyu Kim (BK) | AL #31 is approved for Mira Monte Water Company, because it passes the Earning Test. |
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☒ APPROVED

☐ WITHDRAWN

☐ REJECTED

Signature: /s/Wilson Tsai **Comments:** Approved with effective date of September 12, 2024.

Date: 10/2/24

Mira Monte Water Company

P.O. Box 900, Gerber CA 95035

Tel. No. (530) 200-2253

September 12, 2024

Advice Letter No. 31-W

Mira Monte Water Company (MMWC) hereby transmits for filing one original and one copy of this advice letter (AL) and the following tariff sheets which are enclosed:

| <u>NEW</u> <u>SHEET #</u> | <u>TITLE</u> | <u>CANCELLING</u> <u>SHEET #</u> |
|------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
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REQUEST

By AL 31-W, MMWC 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 \$ 862 will not result in a rate of return which exceeds the authorized rate of margin of 20%. Workpapers justifying this increase are enclosed.

BACKGROUND

MMWC's present rates became effective September 28, 2023, through Advice Letter No. 30-W, 2022 CPI offset.

The last general rate increase became effective on June 26, 2008, pursuant to Resolution W-4693, which authorized a general rate increase of \$ 1,655, or 7.5%, and a rate of margin of 20%.

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AL #31-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 #31 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

On the same day the response or protest is submitted to DW, the respondent or protestant shall send a copy of the protest to Mira Monte Water Company at:

Mailing Address:

Mira Monte Water Company
Attn: Eric Patterson
P.O. Box 900
Gerber, CA 95035

Email Address:

epatterson133@gmail.com

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.

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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

SERVICE LIST

Gerber Las Flores Community Service District
331 San Benito Ave
Gerber, CA 96035

City of Red Bluff Public Works
555 Washington Street
Red Bluff, CA 96080

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the service list from Advice Letter #31-W has been served a copy of this Advice Letter on September 12, 2024.

Executed in Gerber, California on September 12, 2024.

By: /s/ ERIC PATTERSON
Eric Patterson
Operator

Enclosures

⁶ GO. 96-B, General Rule 7.4.3
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Earnings Test

Mira Monte Water Company Summary of Earnings

| Category | Adopted Revenue in Resolution W-4693 June 26, 2008 TY2008 a | AL #30-W @6.5% b | Total Adopted Revenue c=a+b | Actual 2023 d | CPI Increase @3.4% on Adopted Revenue e=c*3.4% | Revenue After CPI Increase, Actual Expenses, & Actual Rate Base (Revenues) f=e+c |
|--|---|------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|--|---|
| Operating Revenues: | | | | | | |
| Flat Rate | 1,832 | 127 | 1,959 | 1,453 | 67 | 1,520 |
| Metered | 21,863 | 1,521 | 23,384 | 23,908 | 795 | 24,703 |
| Private Fire Protection | | | | | | |
| TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES | 23,696 | 1,648 | 25,344 | 25,361 | 862 | 26,223 |
| Operating Expenses: | | | | | | |
| Purchased Water | - | | | | | - |
| Purchased Power | 5,195 | | | 11,600 | | 11,600 |
| Other Volume Related Expenses | 415 | | | | | - |
| Employee Labor | 900 | | | | | - |
| Materials | 700 | | | 1,042 | | 1,042 |
| Contract Work | 3,116 | | | 4,163 | | 4,163 |
| Water Testing | 993 | | | | | - |
| Transportation Expense | 845 | | | 1,618 | | 1,618 |
| Other Plant Maintenance | 550 | | | | | - |
| Office Salaries | 600 | | | | | - |
| Management Salaries | 1,800 | | | 4,350 | | 4,350 |
| Employee Pension and Benefits | | | | | | - |
| Uncollectibles | | | | | | - |
| Office Service and Rentals | 850 | | | 1,881 | | 1,881 |
| Office Supplies and Expenses | 353 | | | 623 | | 623 |
| Professional Services | 150 | | | 1,929 | | 1,929 |
| Insurance | 616 | | | 431 | | 431 |
| Regulatory Compliance Expense | 309 | | | 1,858 | | 1,858 |
| General Expenses | 166 | | | | | - |
| SUBTOTAL | 17,558 | | | 29,495 | | 29,495 |
| Depreciation | 731 | | | 765 | | 765 |
| Taxes Other than Income | 544 | | | 733 | | 733 |
| State and Federal Income Taxes | 1,409 | | | - | | - |
| Interest | - | | | - | | - |
| TOTAL DEDUCTIONS | 20,242 | | | 30,993 | | 30,993 |
| NET REVENUE | 3,454 | | | (5,632) | | (4,770) |
| RATE BASE | | | | | | |
| Average Plant | 38,473 | | | 71,059 | | 71,059 |
| Less: Average Accumulated Depreciation | 15,536 | | | 35,189 | | 35,189 |
| NET PLANT | 22,937 | | | 35,871 | | 35,871 |
| Less: Advances | | | | - | | - |
| Contributions | | | | - | | - |
| Plus: Working Cash | 1,463 | | | 2,458 | | 2,458 |
| Materials & Supplies | | | | - | | - |
| RATE BASE | 24,401 | | | 38,328 | | 38,328 |
| RATE OF MARGIN | 20.00% | | | -22.21% | | -18.19% |
| Earnings Test: | -18.19% | | | < | 20.00% | |

Schedule No. 1

GENERAL METERED SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all metered water service

TERRITORY

Unincorporated territory known as the Mira Monte Subdivision and the vicinity, located approximately 5 miles west of the City of Red Bluff, Tehama County.

RATES

Quantity Rate:

| | | |
|-------------------------------|---------|-----|
| All water, per 100 cubic feet | \$ 1.24 | (l) |
|-------------------------------|---------|-----|

| | |
|-----------------|------------------|
| Service Charge: | <u>Per Month</u> |
|-----------------|------------------|

| | | |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----|
| For 5/8 x 3/4 -inch meter | \$ 21.95 | (l) |
| For 3/4-inch meter | \$ 32.93 | (l) |
| For 1-inch meter | \$ 54.88 | (l) |
| For 1 1/2-inch meter | \$ 109.76 | (l) |
| For 2-inch meter | \$ 175.61 | (l) |

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

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

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

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Schedule No. 2
FLAT RATE SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all metered water service

TERRITORY

Mira Monte Estates, a subdivision approximately five miles west of the City of Red Bluff, Tehama County.

RATES

All flat rate service, per month \$ 61.67 (l)

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. 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.
2. A late charge will be imposed per Schedule No. LC.
3. 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

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

RATES

Initial Fee for each Service Connection

| | | |
|---------------------------|----------|-----|
| For 5/8 x 3/4 -inch meter | \$ 2,202 | (l) |
| For 3/4-inch meter | \$ 3,304 | (l) |
| For 1-inch meter | \$ 5,506 | (l) |
| For 1 1/2 -inch meter | \$11,012 | (l) |
| For 2-inch meter | \$17,619 | (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. These fees shall be used only for the repair and replacement or the installation of new infrastructure.
4. These fees shall be deposited in a separate trustee account and used only upon permission of the Water Division or its successors.

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