

# CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION WATER DIVISION

## Advice Letter Cover Sheet

**Utility Name:** Norcal Water Works ("NWW")

**Date Mailed to Service List:** January 10, 2024

**CPUC Utility #:** WTD-43

**Protest Deadline (20<sup>th</sup> Day):** January 30, 2024

**Advice Letter #:** AL 26

**Review Deadline (30<sup>th</sup> Day):** February 10, 2024

**Tier** ☒ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☒ Compliance

**Requested Effective Date:** January 1, 2024

**Authorization** Res. M-4870

**Rate Impact:** \$ N/A

**Description:** 2024 CPUC Reimbursement Fee Update

Decrease to 0.70%

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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### WD USE ONLY

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COMMENTS

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

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

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

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January 10, 2024

Public Utilities Commission  
Of the State of California  
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RE: Norcal Water Works (WTD-43) Advice Letter (AL) No. 26

Norcal Water Works (NWW) hereby transmits for filing the following Tariff Schedules which are attached hereto:

| <u>CPUC<br/>Sheet No.</u> | <u>Title of Sheet</u>   | <u>Cancelling<br/>Sheet No.</u> |
|---------------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| 240-W                     | Schedule No. UF Surcharge to Fund Public Utilities Commission Reimbursement Fee | 239-W                           |
| 241-W                     | Table of Contents   | 238-W                           |

**REQUEST**

To adopt the revised surcharge rate to fund the Public Utilities Commission Reimbursement Fee pursuant to Resolution (Res.) M-4870 issued December 14, 2023.

**BACKGROUND**

Section 431 of the Public Utilities Code states: "The Commission shall annually determine a fee to be paid by every electrical, gas, telephone, telegraph, water, sewer system, and heat corporation and every other public utility providing service directly to customers and subscribers and subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission other than a railroad, except as provided in Article 2 (commencing with Section 421)."

Res. M-4870 to revise the Public Utilities Commission Utilities Reimbursement Account User Fees (PUCURA Fees) from 1.17% (last updated January 1, 2016) down to 0.70%, with an effective date of January 1, 2024, was adopted by the Commission on December 14, 2023.

This Tier 1 advice letter filing is to update tariff Schedule No. UF in compliance with Commission Res. M-4870. Attached to this AL No. 26 are the proposed tariff sheets to update both Schedule No. UF and the Table of Contents in NWW's authorized tariffs.

## **TIER DESIGNATION AND REQUESTED EFFECTIVE DATE**

This AL and the enclosed tariff sheets are submitted pursuant to General Order (GO.) 96-B. AL 26 is designated as a Tier 1 advice letter and the enclosed tariff sheets will become effective upon filing.<sup>1</sup> NWW requests that the attached Tariff Sheets have an effective date of January 1, 2024.

## **NOTICE**

A copy of this AL has been served to all parties listed on the attached service list<sup>2</sup>. This filing will not cause withdrawal of service nor conflict with any other schedule or rule.

## **RESPONSE OR PROTEST**<sup>3</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.

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, Water Industry Rule 4.1

<sup>3</sup> GO. 96-B, General Rule 7.4.1

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 DWA, the respondent or protestant shall send a copy of the protest to BWC at:

**Email Address:**

[HKellam@ppeng.com](mailto:HKellam@ppeng.com)

**Mailing Address:**

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455 W. Fir Avenue  
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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>4</sup>

Best Regards,  
PROVOST & PRITCHARD CONSULTING GROUP  
ADMIN. FOR NORCAL WATER WORKS/RIVERVIEW ESTATES

*Hamish Kellam*

By: Hamish Kellam

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<sup>4</sup> GO. 96-B, General Rule 7.4.3

**BAKMAN WATER COMPANY**

Schedule No. UF

**SURCHARGE TO FUND**  
**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**  
**REIMBURSEMENT FEE**

**APPLICABILITY**

This surcharge applies to all water and sewer utilities bills rendered under all tariff rate schedules authorized by the Commission, with exception of resale rate schedules where the customer is a public utility.

**TERRITORY**

The area known as Riverview Estates, Riverview Avenue, and vicinity, located approximately 3 miles north of Los Molinos, Tehama County.

**RATES**

A 0.70% surcharge shall be added to all customer bills.

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\* In 1982 the Legislature established the Public Utilities Commission Reimbursement Fee to be paid by utilities to fund their regulation by the Commission (Public Utilities (PU) Code Section 401-443). The surcharge to recover the cost of that fee is ordered by the Commission under authority granted by the PU Code Section 433.

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Advice Letter No. 26

Hamish Kellam

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TITLE

Resolution No.

TABLE OF CONTENTS

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

| <u>Subject Matter of Sheet</u>   | <u>Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.</u>         |     |
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**SERVICE LIST**

A copy of Advice Letter No. 26 (including Cover) has been mailed to the following organizations:

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I hereby certify that the above service list has been served a copy of AL 26 on Monday, January 10, 2024.

Executed in Fresno, California on the 10th day of January 2024.

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ADMIN. FOR NORCAL WATER WORKS/RIVERVIEW ESTATES

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