

CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
DIVISION OF WATER AND AUDITS

Advice Letter Cover Sheet

Utility Name: Pinon Valley Water Company

Date Mailed to Service List: 04/12/24

CPUC Utility #: WTD 426

Protest Deadline (20<sup>th</sup> Day): N/A

Advice Letter #: 34

Review Deadline (30<sup>th</sup> Day): N/A

Tier X1  2  3  Compliance

Requested Effective Date: 05/13/24

Authorization D.92-03-093

Rate Impact: \$2,148.22  
3.4%

Description: 2023 CPI Adjustment

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 Contact: Tariff Unit

Phone: (415) 703-1133

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

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>STAFF</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
<u>9/3/24</u>	<u>WT1</u>	<u>Subsequent GRC was not filed after 2017 to establish ROR/ROM. CPI would grant a return that would pass the earnings test. Recommend for approval.</u>

APPROVED

WITHDRAWN

REJECTED

Signature: /s/Wilson Tsai

Comments: Approved with effective date of May 13, 2024.

Date: 9/3/24

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# PINON VALLEY WATER COMPANY

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ADVICE LETTER NO. 34

WTD 426

April 12, 2024

TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

## REQUEST

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

Cal P.U.C. Sheet No.	Title of Sheet	Canceling Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.
<u>158-W</u>	<u>Schedule No. UF</u>	<u>149-W</u>
<u>159-W</u>	<u>Table of Contents</u>	<u>156-W</u>

The effective date of the Advice Letter is requested to be September 21, 2020.

## REQUEST

By AL 34, PVWC 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.

## BACKGROUND

The present rates became effective at the time the last general rate increase became effective on 02/13/2017, pursuant to Advice Letter 21, which authorized a general rate increase of \$29,832, or 94%, and a rate of return of 0%.

AL 34 is filed pursuant to Ordering Paragraphs No. 1 of **Decision 92-03-093** and **Resolution W-4524**, which authorized 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 34 is designated as a Tier 1 AL and the enclosed tariff sheets will become effective upon filing.

## **NOTICE**

This AL does not require notice; 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>8</sup> A copy of this AL has been served to all parties listed on the service list<sup>9</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**

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 on 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.

A protest shall provide citations or proofs where available to allow staff to properly consider the protest. The 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](mailto:Water.Division@cpuc.ca.gov)

**Mailing Address:**

California Public Utilities Commission Water Div, 3rd Floor  
505 Van Ness Avenue

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San Francisco, CA 94102

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

**Email Address:**

[info@pinonvalleywatercompany.com](mailto:info@pinonvalleywatercompany.com)

**Mailing Address:**

PO Box 373, Morris OK 74445

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.

Pinon Valley Water Company

By: /s/JASON VIERRA

Jason Vierra

President / CEO

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## SERVICE LIST

Quail Valley Water District  
24750 Sand Canyon Road  
Tehachapi, CA 93561

I hereby certify that the above service list has been served a copy of AL 33 on March 08, 2024.  
Executed in Morris, Oklahoma on the March 08, 2024.

Pinon Valley Water Company

By: /s/JASON VIERRA

Jason Vierra

President / CEO

**TABLE OF CONTENTS**

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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Jason and Louise Vierra

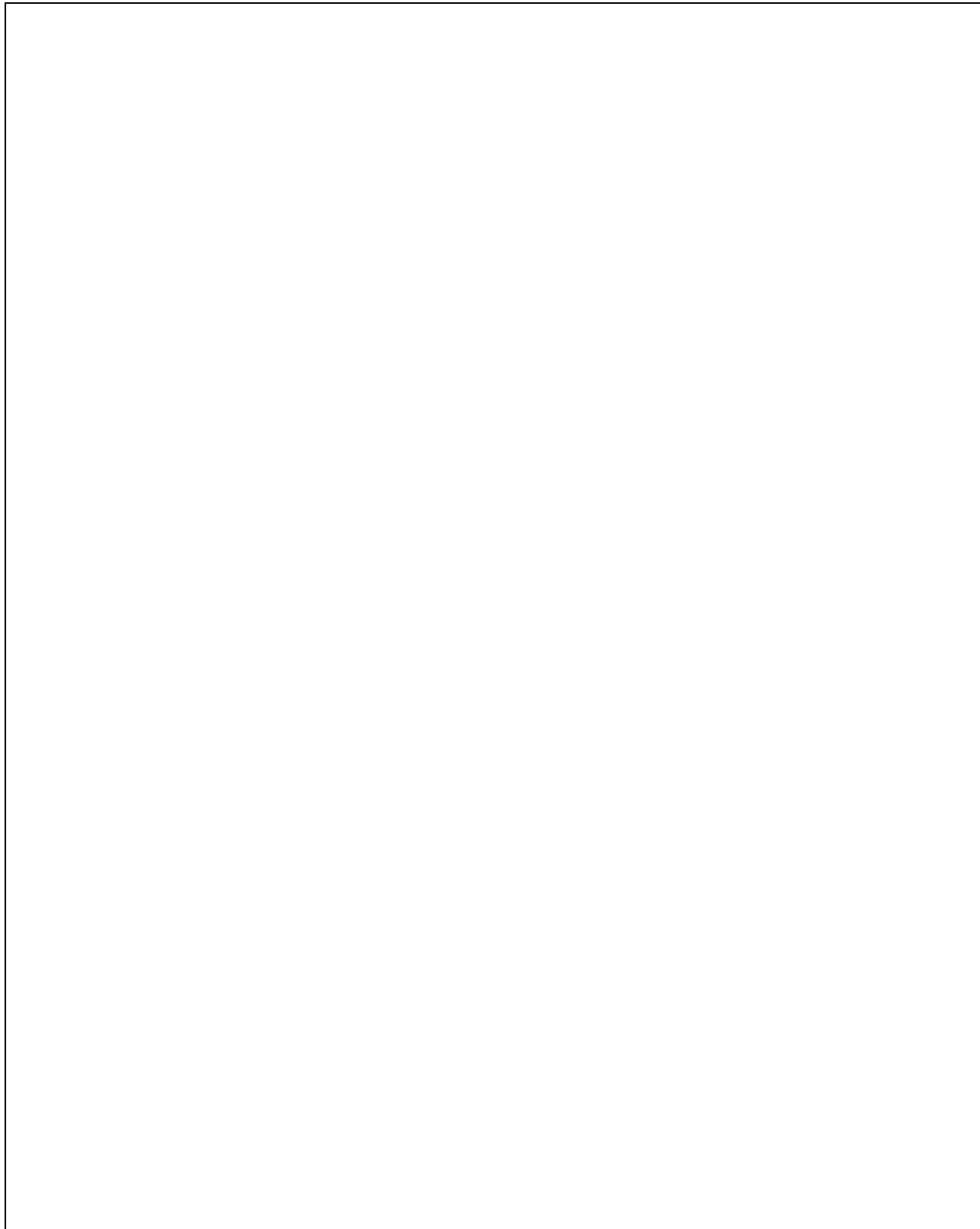
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**Schedule No. 1**

GENERAL METERED SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all metered water service rendered.

TERRITORY

Tract 3312, Kern County, in the vicinity of Sand Canyon Road approximately seven miles north of State Route 58 between Cameron and Monolith.

RATES

Quantity Charge:	<u>Per Meter Per Month</u>	
For all water, per 100 cubic feet (Ccf)	\$6.20	(I)
Monthly Service Charge:		
For 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter	\$105.18	
For 3/4-inch meter	\$157.77	
For 1 - inch meter	\$262.95	
For 1-1/2-inch meter	\$525.89	
For 2 - inch meter	\$841.43	(I)

The Service Charge is a readiness-to-serve charge which is applicable to all metered service and to which is added the monthly charge computed at the Quantity Rates.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. All bills are subject to the reimbursement fee set forth in Schedule No. UF.

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