

CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
Water Division
Advice Letter Cover Sheet

Utility Name: Point Arena Water Works, Inc. **Date Mailed to Service List:** June 17, 2024
District: NA
CPUC Utility #: U-WTD 40 **Protest Deadline (20th Day):** July 6, 2024
Advice Letter #: 100-W **Review Deadline (30th Day):** July 16, 2024
Tier ☒ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ Compliance **Requested Effective Date:** June 17, 2024
Authorization D.92-03-093
Description: 2023 CPI Adjustment **Rate Impact:** \$15,359
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.

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DATE	STAFF	COMMENTS
7/8/24	Oscar J. Cruz	Recommend approval for the requested increase of \$15,359 or 3.4% increase. Passes Earning Test.

☒ APPROVED

☐ WITHDRAWN

☐ REJECTED

Signature: /s/Wilson Tsai **Comments:** Approved with effective date of June 17, 2024.

Date: 7/10/24

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June 17, 2024

Advice Letter No. 100-W

TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Point Arena Water Works, Inc. (PAWWI) 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>
469-W	Schedule No. 1, General Metered Service	466-W
470-W	Schedule F, Facilities Fees	467-W
471-W	Table of Contents	468-W

REQUEST

By AL 100-W, PAWWI 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 \$15,539 will not result in a rate of margin which exceeds the authorized rate of margin of 18.17%. Workpapers justifying this increase are enclosed.

BACKGROUND

The present rates became effective on June 12, 2023, by approval of AL No. 98-W, which implemented a Consumer Price Index increase of \$27,571 or 6.5%.

The last general rate increase became effective on May 30, 2019, pursuant to Resolution W-5195, which authorized a general rate increase of \$91,486, or 30% and a rate of margin of 18.17%.

AL #100-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

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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 100-W 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

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

⁵ GO. 96-B, General Rule 7.4.1

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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 (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 Avenue San
Francisco, CA 94102

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

Mailing Address:

Point Arena Water Works, Inc.
Attn: William Hay, Jr.
P.O. Box 205
Point Arena, CA 95468

Email Address:

paww@mcn.org

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.

REPLIES

The utility shall reply to each protest and may reply to any response. Any reply must be

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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

City of Point Arena
P.O. Box 67
Point Arena, CA 94568

North Gualala Water Company
P.O. Box 1000
Gualala, CA 95445

The Sea Ranch Water Company
P.O. Box 16
The Sea Ranch, CA 95497

Independent Coastal Observer
Editor
P.O. Box 1200
Gualala, CA 95445

I hereby certify that the service list from Advice Letter #100-W has been served a copy of this advice letter on June 17, 2024.

Executed in Point Arena, California on June 17, 2024.

Point Arena Water Works, Inc.

⁶ GO. 96-B, General Rule 7.4.3


Point Arena Water Works, Inc.

By: ~~President~~
President
Point Arena Water Works, Inc.
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Enclosures

AL #100-W

Earnings Test
2022 CPI Rate Adjustment
Point Arena Water Works, Inc.
Summary of Earnings

Category	Most Recent Adopted in Resolution W-5195 May 30, 2019		AL #96-W 2021 CPI		AL #98-W 2022 CPI		Total Adopted Revenue d=a+b+c		Actual 2023 e	CPI Increase @3.4% on Adopted Revenue Only e=c*3.4%	Revenue After CPI Increase, Actual Expenses, & Actual Rate Base (Revenues) f=d + e
	2019	TY 2019	2021	CPI	2022	CPI	d=a+b+c				
	a		b		c						
Operating Revenues:											
Flat Rate										-	0
Metered		396,425	27,750		27,571		451,746	377,091		15,359	392,450
Private Fire Protection										-	0
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES		396,425	27,750		27,571		451,746	377,091		15,359	392,450
Operating Expenses:											
Purchased Water		-									
Purchased Power		23,655						32,146			32,146
Purchased Chemicals		-									-
Other Volume Related Expenses		505						5,660			5,660
Employee Labor		46,674						62,200			62,200
Materials		12,156						16,463			16,463
Contract Work		16,220						18,127			18,127
Water Testing		2,996									-
Transportation Expense		10,191						20,744			20,744
Other Plant Maintenance		28,308						28,867			28,867
Office Salaries		-						30,180			30,180
Management Salaries		64,221						77,910			77,910
Employee Pension and Benefits		-									-
Uncollectibles		793									-
Office Service and Rentals		8,760						11,652			11,652
Office Supplies and Expenses		7,490						74,061			74,061
Professional Services		45,622						45,694			45,694
Insurance		11,483						14,393			14,393
Regulatory Compliance Expense		5,703						3,596			3,596
General Expenses		7,362						5,113			5,113
SUBTOTAL		292,139						446,806			446,806
Depreciation		10,985						19,583			19,583
Taxes Other than Income		16,815						22,673			22,673
State and Federal Income Taxes		21,403						800			800
Interest		-						-			-
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS		341,342						489,862			489,862
NET REVENUE		55,083						(112,771)			(97,412)
RATE BASE											
Average Plant		1,638,205						1,928,977			1,928,977
Less: Average Accumulated Depreciation		854,390						1,067,500			1,067,500
NET PLANT		783,815						861,477			861,477
Less: Advances		31,187						32,098			32,098
Contributions		462,461						346,850			346,850
Deferred Income Tax		18,362						-			-
Plus: Working Cash		24,345						37,234			37,234
Materials & Supplies		-						-			-
CWIP		-						-			-
RATE BASE		296,150						519,763			519,763
RATE OF MARGIN		18.17%						-24.18%			-20.89%
Earnings Test:		-20.89%		<				18.17%			

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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	\$	2,390	(I)
For	3/4-inch meter	\$	3,582	(I)
For	1-inch meter	\$	5,974	(I)
For	1 1/2 -inch meter	\$	11,948	(I)
For	2-inch meter	\$	19,117	(I)
For	3-inch meter	\$	35,844	(I)
For	4-inch meter	\$	59,739	(I)
For	6-inch meter	\$	119,479	(I)

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 California Department of Forestry (Cal Fire) will be charged a facility fee at the rate of the 2-inch meter for its 6-inch meter.

(To be inserted by utility)

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Issued By

William Hay, Jr.

President

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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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