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Point Arena Water Works, Inc.

P.O. Box 205
Point Arena, CA 95468
Telephone: (707) 882-1696

November 12, 2024

Advice Letter No. 102-W

TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Point Arena Water Works, Inc. (POINT ARENA) 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>
474-W	Schedule No. 1, General Metered Service, Special Condition No. 4	472-W
475-W	Table of Contents	473-W

REQUEST

By Advice Letter No. 102-W, POINT ARENA seeks to recover costs charged to the Catastrophic Event Memorandum Account (CEMA) for repairs of its water tanks, water mains and other facilities. The total amount to be recovered is \$50,978.84. Costs will be recovered by adding a surcharge of \$10.57 to each customer's bill for 24 months.

POINT ARENA also requests authority to establish CEMA Balancing Account to track the recovery of the balances in the CEMA account.

BACKGROUND

On December 27, 2022, Governor Gavin Newsom had signed a Proclamation of a State of Emergency because of severe winter storms, high winds and severe flooding. On January 17, 2023, POINT ARENA had requested to activate its CEMA related to the severe winter storms as was described in the Governor's Proclamation of a State Emergency.

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On Wednesday, January 4, 2023, there were strong winds with heavy rain that created heavy damages to POINT ARENA's main tanks and other facilities located at 145 Riverside Drive. Mr. William Hay inspected the tanks and other equipment and found several damages to the main panel, the main water supply to tanks #2 and #3, uprooted tree roots and damaged fences. Electricity and phones services around the coast went down as well.

On, Thursday, January 5, 2023, Mr. Hay started the task of getting the water company working again. An electrical company was called to fix the main breaker and personnel to fix the pumps. Parts were ordered to fix the tanks. Fallen trees were cleared, and new fences were started to replace the damaged fences.

On January 9, 2023, there was a water service line break on Port Road. The utility had to expend resources to locate and repair the break. A detailed account of the activities undertaken by POINT ARENA are detailed in the invoices folder.

The CEMA has an outstanding balance of \$50,978.94 to be amortized. This amount is equal to 12.86% of adopted gross annual revenues (\$396,425) of the most recent general rate case, test year 2019, Resolution W-5195, May 30, 2019. The utility requests a surcharge of \$10.57 for each connection every month for 24 months to amortize the balance.

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TIER DESIGNATION AND REQUESTED EFFECTIVE DATE

This AL and enclosed tariffs are submitted pursuant to Water Industry Rule 7.3.3(5) of General Order (GO.) 96-B and this AL is designated as a Tier 3 filing. This advice letter will become effective upon approval through a Commission Resolution. ¹

NOTICE

In compliance with GO 96-B, General Rule 4.2, the utility shall inform its customers, by bill insert that includes the increase, of the amount of the increase expressed in dollar and percentage terms. A copy of this AL has been served to all parties listed on the service list² 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 PROTEST³

Anyone may respond to or protest this advice letter. A response supports the filing and may contain information that proves useful to the Commission in evaluating the advice letter. A protest objects to the advice letter 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 advice letter;
2. The relief requested in the advice letter 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 advice letter contain material error or omissions;
4. The relief requested in the advice letter is pending before the Commission in a formal proceeding; or
5. The relief requested in the advice letter requires consideration in a formal hearing, or is otherwise inappropriate for the advice letter process; or

¹ GO. 96-B, Water Industry Rule 7.3.3

²GO. 96-B, Water Industry Rule 4.2

³ GO. 96-B, General Rule 7.4.1

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6. The relief requested in the advice letter 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 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:

Mailing Address:

Tariff Unit
Water Division, 3rd Floor
California Public Utilities
Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 95468

Email Address:

Water.Division@cpuc.ca.gov

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

Mailing Address:

Point Arena Water Works, Inc.
Attn: William Hay, Jr.
P. O. Box 205
Point Arena, CA 92260

Email Address:

paww@mcn.org

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.

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REPLIES

The utility shall reply to each protest and may reply to any response. Each 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 to the person who filed the protest or response.⁴

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

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the service list from Advice Letter #102-W has been served a copy of this AL on November 12, 2024.

⁴GO. 96-B, General Rule 7.4.3

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Executed in Point Arena, California on November 12, 2024.

Point Arena Water Works, Inc.

By: /s/ WILLIAM HAY, JR.
William Hay, Jr.
President

Enclosures

Schedule No. 1

GENERAL METERED SERVICE

(Continued)

SPECIAL CONDITIONS (continued)

4. The California Department of Forestry (Cal Fire) will be charged at the rate of the 2-inch meter charge.
5. All bills are subject to a one-time surcharge of \$50,978.94 to be collected at the rate of \$10.57 per customer per month over a period of 24 months from the effective date of Advice Letter No. 102-W and/or terminated upon the full amortization or recovery of the CEMA. This surcharge is specifically for the recovery of expenses accrued in the CEMA for-the period of January 4, 2023 – June 30, 2023.

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(To be inserted by utility)

Advice Letter No. 102-W

Decision No. _____

Issued By

William Hay, Jr.

President

(To be inserted by P.U.C.)

Date Filed _____

Effective _____

Resolution No. E-3238

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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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Surcharge:

Annual Revenue (Res. W-5195) TY 2019 \$ 396,425.00

Outstanding balance to be amortized	\$ 50,978.94
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Earnings Test: 12.86% > 2%

of connections

For 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter 164

For 3/4-inch meter 14

For 1-inch meter 15

For 1-1/2-inch meter -

For 2-inch meter 6

For 3-inch meter

For 4-inch meter 2

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Surcharge amount **\$ 10.57** for 24 months