

Vista Grande Water System

P.O. Box 900, Gerber CA 95035

Tel. No. (530) 200-2253

August 29, 2024

Advice Letter No. 42-W

Vista Grande Water System (VGWS) 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>
302-W	Schedule No. 1, General Metered Service	299-W
303-W	Schedule No. F, Facilities Fees	300-W
304-W	Table of Contents	301-W

REQUEST

By AL 42-W, VGWS requests permission to increase its revenues (based on increase to the present monthly quantity rate and service charge) by 2.59%, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for 2023. The projected revenue increase of \$ 1,889 will not result in a rate of return which exceeds the authorized rate of return of 11.8%.

Workpapers justifying this increase are enclosed.

BACKGROUND

VGWS's present rates became effective October 20, 2023, through Advice Letter No. 41-W, 2022 CPI offset.

The last general rate increase became effective on September 11, 2014, pursuant to Resolution W-4999, which authorized a general rate increase of \$4,121, or 6.4%, and a rate of return of 11.8%.

AL #42-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

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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 #42 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 Vista Grande Water System at:

Mailing Address:

Vista Grande Water System
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 #42-W has been served a copy of this Advice Letter on August 29, 2024.

Executed in Gerber, California on August 29, 2024.

By: /s/ ERIC PATTERSON
Eric Patterson
Operator

Enclosures

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

Vista Grande Water System Summary of Earnings

Category	Adopted Revenue in Resolution W-4999 Sept. 11, 2014 TY2014 a	AL #41-W @6.5% b	Total Adopted Revenue c=a+b	Actual 2023 d	CPI Increase @3.4% on Adopted Revenue e=c*2.59%	Revenue After CPI Increase, Actual Expenses, & Actual Rate Base (Revenues) e=a+c
Operating Revenues:						
Flat Rate						
Metered	68,174	4,742	72,916	78,892	1,889	80,781
Private Fire Protection						
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	68,174	4,742	72,916	78,892	1,889	80,781
Operating Expenses:						
Purchased Water	-					-
Purchased Power	18,723			23,990		23,990
Other Volume Related Expenses	2,593					-
Employee Labor	-					-
Materials	822			2,167		2,167
Contract Work	3,250			10,710		10,710
Water Testing						-
Transportation Expense	3,135			3,172		3,172
Other Plant Maintenance	321					-
Office Salaries	5,101					-
Management Salaries	5,000			11,500		11,500
Employee Pension and Benefits						-
Uncollectibles	500					-
Office Service and Rentals	-			1,994		1,994
Office Supplies and Expenses	1,395			623		623
Professional Services	2,164			2,670		2,670
Insurance	711			1,188		1,188
Regulatory Compliance Expense	332			1,969		1,969
General Expenses	357			675		675
SUBTOTAL	44,404			60,658		60,658
Depreciation	6,180			-		-
Taxes Other than Income	1,314			7,720		7,720
State and Federal Income Taxes	3,664			-		-
Interest	-			-		-
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	55,562			68,378		68,378
NET REVENUE	12,611			10,514		12,403
RATE BASE						
Average Plant	-			241,700		241,700
Less: Average Accumulated Depreciation				141,591		141,591
NET PLANT	-			100,110		100,110
Less: Advances				-		-
Contributions				-		-
Plus: Working Cash				5,055		5,055
Materials & Supplies				-		-
RATE BASE	106,875			105,164		105,164
RATE OF RETURN	11.80%			10.00%		11.79%
Earnings Test:	11.79%			<		11.80%

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	\$ 2,185	(I)
For 3/4-inch meter	\$ 3,278	(I)
For 1-inch meter	\$ 5,463	(I)
For 1 1/2 -inch meter	\$10,926	(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. 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.

(To be inserted by utility)

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Eric Patterson

Operator

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