

Cypress Ridge Sewer Company

P.O. Box 745, Grover Beach, CA 93483 805-473-3661

June 19, 2024

Advice Letter No. 44-S

TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Cypress Ridge Sewer Company (CRSC) 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>
252-SS	Schedule No. 1, Residential Flat Rate Service	242-SS
253-SS	Schedule No. 2, Commercial Flat Rate Service	243-SS
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REQUEST

By AL 44-S, CRSC 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. This projected revenue increase of \$ 19,230 will not result in a rate of margin which exceeds the authorized rate of margin of 18.69%. Work papers justifying this increase are enclosed.

BACKGROUND

The present rates became effective on August 15, 2022, by approval of AL No. 40-S, which implemented a Consumer Price Index increase of \$37,001 or 7%.

The last general rate increase became effective on April 5, 2019, pursuant to Resolution W-5187, which authorized a general rate increase of \$46,657, or 9.12%, and a rate of margin of 24% for test year 2018. The resolution was subsequently modified in Decision 20-07-036 on July 17, 2020. Ordering Paragraph No. 3 of the Decision required CRSC to file AL 39-S to vacate the income taxes which resulted in a general rate decrease of \$36,447 or -6.53% and a new rate of margin of 18.69%.

AL 44-S 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 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 44-S 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 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 GO. 96-B, Water Industry Rule 7.3.1

² GO. 96-B, General Rule 4.2

³ GO. 96-B, General 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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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
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. 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:

Mailing Address:

California Public Utilities
Commission
Water Division, 3rd Floor
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

Email Address:

Water.Division@cpuc.ca.gov

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

Mailing Address:

Cypress Ridge Sewer Company

Email Address:

cypressridgewwtp@gmail.com

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Attn: Eric Sweeney
P.O. Box 745
Grover Beach, CA 93483

Cities and counties that need Board of Supervisors or Board of Commissioners approval to protest should inform DWA, 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. Each reply must be received by DWA 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.

SERVICE LIST

Recipient 1 Thomas J. MacBride Jr.*
tmacbride@downeybrand.com

Recipient 2 Ron Green*
rgreen2275@charter.net

Recipient 3 David Rodgers*
dorodgers79@gmail.com

Recipient 3 Rick Ellison*
rick.ellison1@gmail.com

Recipient 4 Cypress Ridge Sewer Co*
cypressridgewwtp@gmail.com

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served a copy of Advice Letter 44-S on the parties listed on the above Service List by mailing a properly addressed copy by first class mail with postage prepaid or by email to those marked with an asterisk (*).

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Executed in Arroyo Grande, California on June 19, 2024.

Cypress Ridge Sewer Company

By: /s/ ERIC SWEENEY
Eric Sweeney
General Manager

Schedule No. 1

RESIDENTIAL FLAT RATE SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all residential sewer service.

TERRITORY

Cypress Ridge, within Tract # 1933, and including Golf Course Complex, San Luis Obispo County.

RATES

	<u>Per Connection</u>	
	<u>Per Month</u>	
For all residential sewer service.....	\$129.15	(I)

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. A late charge will apply per Schedule No. LC.
2. Bills will be rendered in advance of the period for which service will be provided.
3. All bills are subject to the reimbursement fee set forth on Schedule No. UF.

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Schedule No. 2

COMMERCIAL FLAT RATE SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all residential sewer service.

TERRITORY

Cypress Ridge, within Tract # 1933, and including Golf Course Complex, San Luis Obispo County.

RATES:

	<u>Per Connection</u> <u>Per Month</u>	
For Golf Pro Shop.....	\$129.15	(I)
For Golf Maintenance Facility.....	\$129.15	(I)
For Commercial/Office Facility.....	\$129.15	(I)
For Pavilion.....	\$129.15	(I)

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. A late charge will apply per Schedule No. LC. (T)
 2. Bills will be rendered in advance of the period for which service will be provided. (T)
 3. All bills are subject to the reimbursement fee set forth on Schedule No. UF. (T)
- (D)

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