

Cobb Mountain Water Company

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November 16, 2020

Advice Letter No. 47-W

TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

REQUEST

By Advice Letter No. 47-W, Cobb Mountain Water Company (CMWC) requests approval of the revocation of The Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity and all CMWC's tariffs due to its sale to the Cobb Area County Water District (CACWD).

CMWC requests authority under General Order 96-B, General Rules 4.2 and 7.6.2; Water Industry Rule 7.3.3(9); and Section 851 of the Public Utilities Code to complete the sale and transfer of service of CMWC to the CACWD.

CMWC hereby submits this filing, the Purchase Agreement between CMWC and CACWD, and CAWCD Resolution 9-2020 in support of the revocation as well as the sale and transfer of CMWC's Distribution System including all meters, services, customers and service area to the CACWD.

This filing will not conflict with any other schedule or rule.

BACKGROUND

In Decision 88-05-060 on May 25, 1988, Mr. Vincent Bruce Anderson had acquired ownership and operating interest of CMWC. Mr. Anderson is now eighty-nine years old and can no longer operate the utility. He wishes to retire. There is no interest among his family members to continue to operate the utility. He had agreed to sell CMWC to CACWD for \$25,728. The Purchase Agreement, Exhibit A, with

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CACWD becomes effective upon approval by the CPUC. CACWD had passed Resolution 9-2020, Exhibit B, to annex CMWC into the District.

The Cobb area is composed of a few very small communities and scattered small subdivisions. These subdivisions were constructed between 1925 and 1991 and most if not all, do not meet today's subdivisions standards. Consolidation of these water systems has been the goal of the State Water Resource Control Board (SWRCB) for many years. With the 2015 Valley Fire that destroyed much of the Cobb Area, consolidation has moved forward with eight of the systems combining with the help of the SWRCB access to grant funding. There are several more water systems planned for consolidation. CMWC is the only system in the area that is regulated by the CPUC. LAFCO has placed the CMWC in the sphere of influence of CACWD.

The CACWD is planning to install an eight-inch water main down Bottle Rock Road from their large spring to the Pine Grove Subdivisions for a planned three and half million-dollar upgrade of its water system with grant funds. They would now like to extend that water main to the Gordon Springs Subdivisions and connect into the CMWC mains.

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

CMWC shall inform its customers, by mail or electronic mail, of this AL request.²

¹ GO. 96-B, Water Industry Rule 7.3.3

² GO. 96-B, General Rule 4.2

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A copy of this AL has been served to all parties listed on the service list³ 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 PROTEST⁴

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
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.

³GO. 96-B, General Rule 4.3

⁴ 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 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 94102

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 CMWC at:

Mailing Address:

COBB MOUNTAIN Water Company
Attn: Vincent Bruce Anderson
P.O. Box 2
Cobb, CA 95426

Email Address:

cmwc@onemain.com

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. Each reply must be received by WD within five business days after the end of the protest

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period and shall be served on the same day to the person who filed the protest or response.⁵

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the service list from Advice Letter #47-W has been served a copy of this AL on November 16, 2020.

Executed in Cobb, California on November 16, 2020.

COBB MOUNTAIN
Water Company

By: /s/ VINCENT BRUCE ANDERSON
Vincent Bruce Anderson
Owner

Enclosures

⁵GO. 96-B, General Rule 7.4.3

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