



Monterey County

September 14, 2020

**Advice Letter #29  
(WTD 215-W)**

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California  
Division of Water and Audits  
505 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94102-3298

**Subject: Spreckels Water Company (U-215-W), a Class D Water Company, Submission of Advice Letter #29 to implement Resolution M-4841.**

**PURPOSE**

Spreckels Water Company (WTD 215-W) (Spreckels) hereby submits this **Tier 1** Advice Letter (AL), with a requested effective date of October 1, 2020. The purpose of this AL filing is to revise Schedule No. UF, “Surcharge to Fund Public Utilities Commission Reimbursement Fee,” to reflect the new fee for Water and Sewer System Corporations as authorized by the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) Resolution M-4841.

**Cal. P.U.C.**

**Sheet No.**

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**Title of Sheet**

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Schedule No. UF, Surcharge to Fund Public Utilities  
Commission Reimbursement Fee

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**BACKGROUND**

Public Utilities Code section 431 requires that the Commission annually determine a fee, to be paid by every electric, gas, telephone, water, sewer system and heat corporation subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission, that is remitted to the Commission to fund costs of regulation.

Commission Resolution M-4841, dated July 17, 2020, establishes a revised, higher 1.43% fee for Water and Sewer System Corporations and authorizes Spreckels to collect the 1.43% surcharge from its customers, effective October 1, 2020.

**TIER DESIGNATION AND REQUESTED EFFECTIVE DATE**

This AL and the enclosed tariff sheets are submitted pursuant to General Order (GO.) 96-B.

AL #29 is designated as a Tier 1 AL and the enclosed tariff sheets will become effective on October 1, 2020.<sup>1</sup>

## **NOTICE**

A copy of this AL has been served to all parties listed on the service list<sup>2</sup> 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 PROTEST**<sup>3</sup>

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. A protest shall provide citations or proofs where available to allow staff to properly consider the protest.

A response or protest must be made in writing or by electronic mail and must be received by the Water Division within 20 days of the date this advice letter is filed. The address for mailing or delivering a protest is:

California Public Utilities Commission  
Tariff Unit, Water Division, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor  
505 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
[Water.Division@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:Water.Division@cpuc.ca.gov)

On the same date the response or protest is submitted to the Water Division, the respondent or protestant shall send a copy of the protest by mail to Spreckels at:

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<sup>1</sup> GO. 96-B, Water Industry Rule 7.3.1

<sup>2</sup> GO. 96-B, Water Industry Rule 4.1

<sup>3</sup> GO. 96-B, General Rule 7.4.1

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Cities and counties that need Board of Supervisors or Board of Commissioners approval to protest should inform the Water Division, 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 on which the Board may vote on the proposed protest.

### **REPLIES**

The utility shall reply to each protest and may reply to any response. Any reply must be received by the Water Division 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.<sup>4</sup>

If you have not received a reply to your protest from the utility within 10 business days, contact Kerry L. Varney at 831-455-4005.

Spreckels Water Company

*/s/ Kerry Varney*

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Attachments

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<sup>4</sup> GO. 96-B, General Rule 7.4.3

**CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
DIVISION OF WATER AND AUDITS**

**Advice Letter Cover Sheet**

**Utility Name:** Spreckels Water Company

**Date Mailed to Service List:** 09/14/2020

**CPUC Utility #:** WTD 215

**Protest Deadline (20<sup>th</sup> Day):** 10/4/2020

**Advice Letter #:** 29

**Review Deadline (30<sup>th</sup> Day):** 10/14/2020

**Tier**     1     2     3     Compliance

**Requested Effective Date:** 10/01/2020

**Authorization**    M-4841

**Rate Impact:** 1.43%

**Description:** 2020 CPUC Reimbursement Fee

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.

**Utility Contact:** Kerry L. Varney

**Utility Contact 2:** Ronald Liebert

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**DWA Contact:** Tariff Unit

**Phone:** (415) 703-1133

**Email:** [Water.Division@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:Water.Division@cpuc.ca.gov)

**DWA USE ONLY**

DATE

STAFF

COMMENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>STAFF</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
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APPROVED

WITHDRAWN

REJECTED

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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(To be inserted by utility)

Issued by

(To be inserted by CPUC)

Advice Letter No. 29

Kerry Varney  
Name

Date Filed \_\_\_\_\_

Decision No. \_\_\_\_\_

Vice-President  
Title

Effective \_\_\_\_\_

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_

Schedule No. UF

SURCHARGE TO FUND PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
REIMBURSEMENT FEE

APPLICABILITY

This surcharge applies to all water and sewer bills rendered under all tariff rate schedules authorized by the Commission, with the exception of resale rate schedules where the customer is a public utility.

TERRITORY

This schedule is applicable within the entire territory served by the utility.

RATES

A 1.43% surcharge shall be added to all customers bills. (I)

In 1982 the Legislature established a Public Utilities Commission Reimbursement Fee to be paid by utilities to fund their regulation by the Commission, (Public Utilities (PU) Code Section 401-443). The surcharge to recover the cost of that fee is ordered by the Commission under authority granted by the PU Code Section 433.

(To be inserted by utility)

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Issued by

Kerry Varney

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Title

(To be inserted by CPUC)

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Resolution No. M-4841

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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that I have this day served a copy of “Spreckels Water Company (WTD 215-W), a Class D Water Company, Submission of Advice Letter #29 to implement Resolution M-4841” on the following parties by email, or first-class US mail with postage prepaid, as specified below.

Executed on September 14, 2020 at Sacramento, California

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Eric Janssen', written over a horizontal line.

Eric Janssen

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Service List  
September 14, 2020

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