

# CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION Water Division

## Advice Letter Cover Sheet

**Utility Name:** Slide Inn Water Company

**Date Mailed to Service List:** 7/9/24

**District:** NA

**CPUC Utility #:** WTC-182

**Protest Deadline (20<sup>th</sup> Day):** 7/29/24

**Advice Letter #:** 27-W

**Review Deadline (30<sup>th</sup> Day):** 8/8/24

**Tier**    1    2   X3    Compliance

**Requested Effective Date:** 10/9/24

**Authorization**   GO 96-B

**Rate Impact:** NA  
0%

**Description:** Request authority for long-term debt

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.

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**Utility Contact:** Sharon Smales

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### DWA USE ONLY

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

[ ] APPROVED

[ ] WITHDRAWN

[ ] REJECTED

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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

# Slide Inn Water Company

P.O. Box 4448  
Sonora, CA 95370

July 9, 2024

Advice Letter (AL) No. 27-W

TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

SLIDE INN Water Company (SLIDE INN) hereby requests authority pursuant to Sections 816 through 851 and other relevant sections of the Public Utilities Code to authorize an unauthorized debt of \$9,000 on February 16, 2022, from the Bank of Stockton (BOS) and \$60,000 from Precision Financial Solutions (PFS) on July 25, 2022. The BOS loan term is 3.5 years, maturing on March 1, 2025, at a fixed rate of 7.011%. The PFS loan term is 5 years, maturing on August 15, 2027, at a fixed rate of 7 %. As of December 31, 2023, the BOS loan balance was \$826 and the PFS loan balance was \$34,299. The purpose of the loans was to finance capital certain expenditures.

## **BACKGROUND**

SLIDE INN was unaware of the omissions until it was discovered by the Utility Audit Branch (UAB) in its review of SLIDE INN's 2022 Annual Report in April 2024. SLIDE INN wishes to comply with UAB's recommendations and is seeking authority for the existing long-term debts.

In June 2022, SLIDE INN had problems with its existing well that is no longer providing adequate water supply. The utility was faced with digging for a new well or to deepen the existing well. The least cost alternative was to deepen the well to meet its everyday water demand. It had to be done urgently to service its existing customers water needs. Gary Smith, owner, needed to act quickly to find financing for the well. Mr. Smith had intended to pay off the loans in 12 months but failed to raise the funds to retire the debts completely in 12 months.

SLIDE INN provides water service to 22 metered customers and 111 flat rate customers. Its service area is adjacent to State Highway 108 approximately 21 miles east of Sonora, Tuolumne County.

This filing will not increase the rates and will not cause the withdrawal of service nor

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conflict other schedules or rules.

## **TIER DESIGNATION**

This AL is designated as a Tier 3 filing pursuant to General Order 96-B. This AL requires a Commission Resolution for disposition.<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.

## **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.

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<sup>1</sup>GO. 96-B, Water Industry Rule 7.3.3

<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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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 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](mailto: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 SLIDE INN at:

**Mailing Address:**  
SLIDE INN Water Company  
P.O. Box 4448,  
Sonora, CA 95370

**Email Address:**  
[slideinnwater@yahoo.com](mailto:slideinnwater@yahoo.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.

## **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

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protest or response to the AL.<sup>4</sup>

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I hereby certify that the service list from Advice Letter No. 27-W has been served a copy of this AL on July 9, 2024.

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

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Executed in Sonora, California on July 9, 2024.

SLIDE INN Water Company

By:



Gary Smith  
Owner

Enclosures