

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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December 30, 2022

Natalie Wales
Director, Regulatory Policy & Compliance
California Water Service Co.
1720 North First Street
San Jose, CA 95112

Dear Ms. Wales,

The Water Division of the California Public Utilities Commission has approved California Water Service Company's Sewer Advice Letter No. 02-S, filed on December 16, 2022, regarding 2023 CPUC User Fee.

Enclosed are copies of the following revised tariff sheets, effective January 1, 2023, for the utility's files:

P.U.C. Sheet	
No.	Title of Sheet
62-SS	Schedule No. UF-S (Surcharge to Fund Public Utilities Commission)
63-SS	Table of Contents (Page 4)
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Please contact Kevin Truong at VT4@cpuc.ca.gov or 415-703-1353, if you have any questions.

Thank you.

Enclosures

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

Advice Letter Cover Sheet

Utility Name: California Water Service Company	Date Mailed to Service List: 12/16/2022
District: Millerton District	
CPUC Utility #: U-60-W	Protest Deadline (20th Day): 01/05/2023
Advice Letter #: 02-S	Review Deadline (30th Day): 01/15/2023
Tier: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Compliance	Requested Effective Date: 01/01/2023
Authorization: Resolution M-4866	
Description: 2023 CPUC User Fee	Rate Impact: Decrease from 1.43% to 0.80%

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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Phone: 916-205-4539

Email: ajewell@calwater.com

Utility Contact: Natalie Wales

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Email: Nwales@calwater.com

DWA Contact: Tariff Unit

Phone: (415) 703-1133

Email: Water.Division@cpuc.ca.gov

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DATE

STAFF

COMMENTS

[] APPROVED

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Signature: _____

Comments: _____

Date: _____



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December 16, 2022

Advice Letter No. 02-S

To the California Public Utilities Commission:

California Water Service Company (Cal Water) respectfully transmits for filing the changes in its tariff schedules shown below affecting our Millerton District. ***Please note that this advice letter will only be distributed electronically to the Water Division and the attached service lists.***

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<u>Sheet No.</u>	<u>Title of Sheet</u>	<u>Sheet No.</u>
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Summary

This advice letter is requesting a change to the CPUC Utility Fee to be set at 0.80% in compliance with Resolution M-4866, which was ordered by the Commission on December 15, 2022.

Background

The Commission uses Public Utilities Code Sections 431 as the basis for its methodology to assess user fees for energy, gas, water, sewer systems and telecommunication utilities:

431. (a) The commission shall annually determine a fee to be paid by every electrical, gas, telephone, telegraph, water, sewer system, and heat corporation and every other public utility providing service directly to customers or subscribers and subject to the jurisdiction of the commission other than a railroad, except as otherwise provided in Article 2 (commencing with Section 421).

(b) The annual fee shall be established to produce a total amount equal to that amount established in the authorized commission budget for the same year, including adjustments for increases in employee compensation, other increases appropriated by the Legislature, and an appropriate reserve to regulate public utilities less the amount to be paid from special accounts or funds pursuant to Section 402, reimbursements, federal funds, and any other revenues, and the amount of unencumbered funds from the preceding year.

432. The commission shall establish the fee pursuant to Section 431 with the approval of the Department of Finance and in accordance with all of the following:



(a) In its annual budget request, the commission shall specify both of the following:

(1) The amount of its budget to be financed by the fee.

(2) The dollar allocation of the amount of its budget shall be financed by the fee by each class of public utility subject to the fee. The fee allocation among classes of public utilities shall reflect expenditures by the commission on regulatory and other authorized activities affecting each respective class, and shall bear the same ratio that the commission's workload for each class of public utility subject to the fee bears to the commission's total workload for all public utilities subject to the fee.

(b) The commission may establish different and distinct methods of assessing fees for each class of public utility, if the revenues collected are consistent with paragraph (2) of subdivision (a), except that the commission shall establish a uniform charge per kilowatt hour for sales in kilowatt hours for the class of electrical corporations and a uniform charge per therm for sales in therms for the class of gas corporations.

Discussion

The current User Fee for all water and sewer utilities is 1.43%. The Commission decreased the sewer rate to 0.80% based on the revenue forecast discussed in Resolution M-4866, with an effective date of January 1, 2023.

This resolution adopts Public Utilities Commission Utilities Reimbursement Account (PUCURA), Fund 0462, user fees as follows:

Electric Corporations	0.0013	\$/kwh
Gas Corporations	0.003	\$/therm
Heat Corporations	0.005	\$/thousands lbs. steam
Water System Corporations	0.008 (0.8 percent)	x Revenue
Sewer System Corporations	0.008 (0.8 percent)	x Revenue
Telecommunication Corporations	0.0075 (0.75 percent)	x Revenue

Requested Effective Date

Cal Water is submitting this as a **Tier 1** advice and requests that approval be considered effective **January 1, 2023**.

Notice

Customer Notice – This is a Tier 1 compliance filing under Water Industry Rule 7.3.1(3) of General Order 96-B. Water Industry Rule 3.2 indicates that this kind of Tier 1 filing does not require customer notice.



Service Lists – In accordance with General Order 96-B, General Rule 4.3 and 7.2 and Water Industry Rule 4.1, a copy of this advice letter will be transmitted electronically on **December 16, 2022** to competing and adjacent utilities and other utilities or interested parties having requested such notification, including the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO). ***Please note that this advice letter will only be distributed electronically to the Water Division and the attached service lists.***

Response or Protest

Anyone may respond to or protest this advice letter. When submitting a response or protest, please include the utility name and advice letter number in the subject line. 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 such a protest may not be made where it would require relitigating a prior order of the Commission.)

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:

Tariff Unit, Water Division, 3rd floor
California Public Utilities Commission,
505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102
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 by mail (or e-mail) to Cal Water at the following address:



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Natalie Wales
California Water Service Company
1720 North First Street,
San Jose, California 95112
E-mail: cwsrates@calwater.com

Cities and counties requiring Board of Supervisors or Board of Commissioners approval to protest should inform the Water Division within the 20-day protest period so a late-filed protest can be entertained. The informing document should include an estimate of the date the proposed protest might be voted on. The advice letter process does not provide for any responses, protests or comments, except for the utility's reply, after the 20-day comment period.

Replies: The utility shall reply to each protest and may reply to any response. Each reply must be received by the Water Division within 5 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. If you have not received a reply to your protest within 10 business days, contact California Water Service Company at (408) 367-8200 and ask for the Rates Department.

CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE COMPANY

_____/s/_____
Albree Jewell
Rates Analyst

Enclosures

cc: Syreeta Gibbs (Public Advocates Office), PublicAdvocatesWater@cpuc.ca.gov

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Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No. 62-SS

Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No. 56-SS

Schedule No. UF-S
SURCHARGE TO FUND
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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APPLICABILITY

This surcharge applies to all 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.

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TERRITORY

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

RATES*

A 0.80% surcharge shall be added to all customer bills.

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

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Decision

Issued By

Greg A. MillemanVice President

(To be inserted by CPUC)

Date Filed 12/16/2022Effective 01/01/2023

Resolution _____

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<u>Rate Schedules - District Specific</u>			
MILLERTON DISTRICT			
Sewer Service		ML-I-S	55-SS
ALL DISTRICTS			
Surcharge to Fund Public Utilities Commission Reimbursement Fee		UF-S	62-SS (T) (C)

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Name
Vice President
TITLE

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The following listed tariff sheets contain all effective rates and rules affecting the sewer rates and service of the Utility together with information relating thereto:

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Millerton District

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PER SECTION III (G) OF GENERAL ORDER NO. 96-A

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