

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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January 31, 2024

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. 03-S, filed on December 15, 2023, regarding update of Schedule No. UF.

Enclosed are copies of the following revised tariff sheets, effective January 1, 2024, for the utility's files:

<b>P.U.C. Sheet</b>	
<b>No.</b>	<b>Title of Sheet</b>
65-SS	Schedule No. UF, Page 1 Surcharge To Fund Public Utilities Commission
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Please contact Mahdi Jahami at [MJ4@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:MJ4@cpuc.ca.gov) or 916-743-5080, if you have any questions.

Thank you.

Enclosures

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

**Advice Letter Cover Sheet**

<b>Utility Name:</b> California Water Service Company	<b>Date Mailed to Service List:</b> 12/15/2023
<b>District:</b> Millerton District	
<b>CPUC Utility #:</b> U-60-W	<b>Protest Deadline (20<sup>th</sup> Day):</b> 01/04/2024
<b>Advice Letter #:</b> 03-S	<b>Review Deadline (30<sup>th</sup> Day):</b> 01/15/2024
<b>Tier:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Compliance	<b>Requested Effective Date:</b> 01/01/2024
<b>Authorization:</b> Resolution M-4870	
<b>Description:</b> 2024 CPUC User Fee	<b>Rate Impact:</b> Increase from 0.80% to 1.20%

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

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

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

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1720 NORTH FIRST STREET  
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December 15, 2023

### **Advice Letter No. 03-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 1.20% in compliance with Resolution M-4870, which was ordered by the Commission on December 14, 2023.

### **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 0.8%. The Commission increased the sewer rate to 1.20% based on the revenue forecast discussed in Resolution M-4870, with an effective date of January 1, 2024.

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

Electric Corporations	0.001	\$/kwh
Gas Corporations	0.001	\$/therm
Heat Corporations	0.00	\$/thousand lbs. steam
Water System Corporations	0.007 (0.7 percent)	x Revenue
Sewer System Corporations	0.012 (1.20 percent)	x Revenue
Telephone and Telegraph Corporations	0.012 (1.20 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, 2024**.

### **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.



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*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 15, 2023** to competing and adjacent utilities and other utilities or interested parties having requested such notification. ***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, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor  
California Public Utilities Commission,  
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 by mail (or e-mail) to Cal Water at the following address:



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Natalie Wales  
California Water Service Company  
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San Jose, California 95112  
E-mail: [cwsrates@calwater.com](mailto: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

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Albree Jewell  
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Enclosures

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Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No. 65-SS

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

**Schedule No. UF**  
**SURCHARGE TO FUND**  
**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

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**APPLICABILITY**

This surcharge applies to all water 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 1.20% 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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		<u>Rates and Regulatory Affairs</u>	Resolution	

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Sewer Service		ML-I-S	55-SS
<b>ALL DISTRICTS</b>			
Surcharge to Fund Public Utilities Commission Reimbursement Fee		UF-S	65-SS (C)

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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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**ONLY FOR SERVICE AREA MAPS:**