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October 13, 2023

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 Advice Letter No. 2492, filed on August 25, 2023, regarding Travis Tariff update to reflect CEBA, HCBA, and PCBA surcredits and surcharge for the Travis District.

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

P.U.C. Sheet	
No.	Title of Sheet
13281-W	Schedule No. TRV, Potable Water Service
13282-W	Table of Contents (page 10)
13283-W	Table of Contents (page 1)

Please contact Mahdi Jahami at MJ4@cpuc.ca.gov or 916-743-5080, if you have any questions.

Thank you.

Enclosures



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August 25, 2023

Advice Letter No. 2492

CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE COMPANY (U-60-W)

To the California Public Utilities Commission:

California Water Service Company (“Cal Water”) respectfully submits this Tier 1 advice letter requesting authority to modify the following tariff sheets for its Travis District. ***Please note that this advice letter will only be distributed electronically.***

New/Revised CPUC Sheet No.	Title of Sheet	Schedule No.	Cancelling CPUC Sheet No.
13281-W	Potable Water Service	TRV	13265-W
13282-W	Table of Contents (page 10)	TOC 10	13275-W
13283-W	Table of Contents (page 1)	TOC 1	13280-W

Summary

This advice letter requests modification of the tariff for the Travis District to reflect the previously approved Conservation Credit, Health Care Cost Credit, and Pension Cost Surcharge. The Travis Air Force Base, the only customer in the Travis District, has requested that these be applied as one-time credits/surcharge with an effective date of September 1, 2023.

Discussion

In Advice Letter 2478 on March 31, 2023, pursuant to the terms and conditions outlined in Preliminary Statement Z4 for the “Conservation Expense One-Way Balancing Account 4” (CEBA4) approved in D.20-12-007, Cal Water requested authority to return unused conservation expenses to customers through fixed one-time or 12-month credits. At that time, Cal Water noted that the refund for the Travis District would be addressed through a separate advice letter after Cal Water determined whether the Travis Air Force Base prefers a one-time credit or an amortized credit.

In Advice Letter 2482 on June 9, 2023, Cal Water requested authority to amortize the Pension Cost Balancing Account (PCBA4) and Healthcare Cost Balancing Account (HCBA4) that tracked the difference between adopted and actual costs for the period of 2020-2022. The PCBA4 and HCBA4 were authorized in Cal Water’s 2018 General Rate Case (A.18-07-001) to track the difference between actual and adopted costs – pension-related costs and healthcare-related costs,



respectively – for the period of 2020-2022.¹ At that time, Cal Water noted that the balances for the pension and healthcare costs associated with the Travis District would be billed in lump sums at a later time.

The Travis Air Force Base has informed Cal Water of its preference for lump-sum transactions associated with an effective date of September 1, 2023. Cal Water therefore proposes to modify the Travis tariff to add special condition language that reflects the CEBA4 surcredit, the PCBA4 surcharge, and the HCBA4 surcredit, as summarized below.

Advice Letter	Date Filed	Reason	Frequency	Current	New	Effective Date
AL 2478	3/31/2023	Conservation Credit	One time	none	\$ (95,291.44)	9/1/2023
AL 2482	6/9/2023	Healthcare Cost Credit	One time	none	\$ (144,601.63)	9/1/2023
AL 2482	6/9/2023	Pension Cost Surcharge	One time	none	\$179,276.84	9/1/2023

The net impact of the surcharge and surcredits is a one-time decrease of **\$60,616.23 for the month of September** (-35.7%) from the previous monthly bill amount.

Requested Effective Date

Because the Commission has already approved amortization of the CEBA4, PCBA4, and HCBA4, Cal Water is filing this non-substantive update to a tariff as a Tier 1 advice letter under General Order No. 96-B. Cal Water requests that the revised tariff schedule become effective on **September 1, 2023**.

Notice

Customer Notice – This is a Tier 1 advice letter that does not require customer notice, as provided in Water Industry Rule 7.3.1 of General Order 96-B.

Service List – 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 **August 25, 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.***

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

¹ D.20-12-007, OP 16. (Note that the PCBA4 provides for a full true-up of the difference between adopted and recorded costs, while the HCBA4 provides for a true-up of 85% of the difference between adopted and recorded costs.)



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 and must be received by the Water Division within 20 days of the date this advice letter is filed. Please submit the response or protest by email or mail to:

water.division@cpuc.ca.gov, or
Tariff Unit, Water Division, 3rd floor
California Public Utilities Commission,
505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102

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

cwsrates@calwater.com, or
Natalie Wales
California Water Service Company
1720 North First Street,
San Jose, California 95112

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 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



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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

Schedule No. TRV
Travis Tariff Area
POTABLE WATER SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all potable water service provided to Travis Air Force Base (TAFB) (T)

TERRITORY

Travis Air Force Base

RATES

		<u>Per Month</u>
Service Charge		\$163,051.44
Schedule UF	0.80% (AL 2469)	\$1,304.41
Schedule CAP	2.459% (AL 2461)	\$4,009.43
Schedule RSF	0.8317% (AL 2462)	\$1,356.10
Total		\$169,721.38

The service charge is a monthly charge that is applicable to Travis Air Force Base.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. All bills are subject to the following tariff schedules: **Schedule UF** (CPUC reimbursement fee) and applicable surcharges and surcredits on **Schedule RSF** (Rate Support Fund), **Schedule CAP** (Customer Assistance Program), and **Schedule AS** (Additional Surcharges and Surcredits). (N)

2. **Conservation Program Refund:** Water rates in effect for 2020-2022 included funding for conservation programs that provide incentives to reduce water use. Unspent conservation funds were tracked in the Conservation Expense Balancing Account (CEBA4). As approved in Advice Letter 2492, a one-time credit of \$95,291.44 will be applied to TAFB’s September 2023 bill. (N)

3. **Pension Cost Surcharge & Healthcare Cost Refund:** Water rates in effect for 2020-2022 included funding for pension and healthcare costs. Actual pension and healthcare costs during that period were tracked in the Pension Cost Balancing Account (PCBA4) and the Healthcare Cost Balancing Account (HCBA4), respectively. As approved in Advice Letter 2492, a one-time surcharge of \$179,276.84 will be applied to TAFB’s September 2023 bill because actual pension costs exceeded adopted costs in 2020-2022, and a one-time credit of \$144,601.63 will be applied to TAFB’s September 2023 bill because adopted healthcare costs exceeded actual costs in 2020-2022. (N)

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	<u>Rates and Regulatory Affairs</u>	Resolution _____

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Nonresidential Metered Service		SL-1-NR (Pg 1 of 2)	13259-W
		SL-1-NR (Pg 2 of 2)	13260-W
STOCKTON DISTRICT			
Residential Metered Service		ST-1-R (Pg 1 of 2)	13261-W
		ST-1-R (Pg 2 of 2)	12930-W
Nonresidential Metered Service		ST-1-NR (Pg 1 of 1)	13262-W
TRAVIS DISTRICT			
Potable Water Service		Schedule No. TRV	13281-W (C)
VISALIA DISTRICT			
Residential Metered Service		VS-1-R (Pg 1 of 2)	13266-W
		VS-1-R (Pg 2 of 2)	13267-W
Nonresidential Metered Service		VS-1-NR (Pg 1 of 2)	13268-W
		VS-1-NR (Pg 2 of 2)	13269-W
WESTLAKE DISTRICT			
Residential Metered Service		WK-1-R (Pg 1 of 2)	13270-W
		WK-1-R (Pg 2 of 2)	13070-W
Nonresidential Metered Service		WK-1-NR (Pg 1 of 2)	13271-W
		WK-1-NR (Pg 2 of 2)	13072-W
Recycled Water Service		WK-6 (Pg 1 of 2)	13272-W
		WK-6 (Pg 2 of 2)	13074-W
WILLOWS DISTRICT			
Residential Metered Service		WL-1-R (Pg 1 of 2)	13273-W
		WL-1-R (Pg 2 of 2)	12932-W
Nonresidential Metered Service		WL-1-NR	13274-W
FIRE FLOW TESTING CHARGE		FF	8597-W

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

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