

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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January 17, 2018

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California-American Water Company
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Dear Mr. Linam,

The Commission has approved California-American Water Company's Advice Letter No. 50-S, filed on December 20, 2017, regarding the PUCURA user fee that was submitted in accordance with Res M-4832.

Enclosed are copies of the following revised tariff sheets for the utility's files:

<u>P.U.C. Sheet No.</u>	<u>Title of Sheet</u>
212-S	Schedule No. UF
213-S	Table of Contents (Page 1)

Please contact Jim Boothe at (415) 703-1748 if you have any questions.

Thank you,

/s/JENNIFER PEREZ

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December 20, 2017

ADVICE LETTER NO. 50-S

TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Pursuant to General Order 96-B, California-American Water Company (“Cal-Am”) (U210W) hereby submits for review this advice letter, including the following tariff sheets, which are attached hereto:

<u>C.P.U.C. Sheet No.</u>	<u>Title of Sheet</u>	<u>Canceling Sheet No.</u>
212-S	Schedule No. UF	208-S
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PURPOSE

By this advice letter, Cal-Am requests to revise Schedule No. UF, Surcharge to Fund Public Utilities Commission Reimbursement Fee.

BACKGROUND

On December 14, 2017 the California Public Utilities Commission (“CPUC”) approved Resolution M-4832, which orders:

Effective January 1, 2018 the current PUCURA user fees shall be revised as follows:

Electric Corporations	0.00046	\$/kwh
Gas Corporations	0.00166	\$/therm
Heat Corporations	0.02863	\$/thousands lbs. steam
Water and Sewer System Corporations	0.01400 (1.40%)	x Revenue
Telephone and Telegraph Corporations	0.0033	x Revenue

The CPUC uses Public Utilities Code as the basis for its methodology to annually assess user fees for energy, water and telecommunication utilities.

Public Utilities Code Section 431:

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 and subscribers and subject to the jurisdiction of the commission other than a railroad, except as provided in Article 2 (commencing with Section 421). 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.

REQUEST

This advice letter requests an increase to the Surcharge to Fund Public Utilities Commission Reimbursement Fee from 1.44% to 1.40% per Resolution M-4832.

SERVICE LIST

Pursuant to Section 4.3 of General Order No. 96-B, a copy of this advice letter is being sent to those entities listed in the attached service list. Copies of the detailed work papers and the documents supporting this Advice Letter have also been furnished to the Commission Staff.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Cal-Am submits this as a Tier 1 filing and requests an effective date of January 1, 2018 per Resolution M-4832.

RESPONSE OR PROTEST¹

Anyone may submit a response or protest for this AL. 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 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 grounds² 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.

¹ G.O. 96-B, General Rule 7.4.1

² G.O. 96-B, General Rule 7.4.2

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.

DWA must receive a response or protest via email (or postal mail) within 20 days of the date the AL is filed. When submitting a response or protest, **please include the utility name and advice letter number in the subject line.**

The addresses for submitting a response or protest are:

Email Address:

Water.Division@cpuc.ca.gov

Mailing Address:

CA Public Utilities Commission
Division of Water and Audits
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

On the same day the response or protest is submitted to DWA, the respondent or protestant shall send a copy of the protest to Cal-Am at:

Email Address:

melody.singh@amwater.com

Mailing Address:

4701 Beloit Drive
Sacramento, CA 95838

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555 Montgomery Street, Suite 816
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Cities and counties that need Board of Supervisors or Board of Commissioners approval to protest should inform DWA, 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.

REPLIES³

The utility shall reply to each protest and may reply to any response. Any reply must be received by DWA 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.

The actions requested in this advice letter are not now the subject of any formal filings with the California Public Utilities Commission, including a formal complaint, nor action in any court of law.

This filing will not cause the withdrawal of service, nor conflict with other schedules or rules.

³ G.O. 96-B, General Rule 7.4.3

If you have not received a reply to your protest within 10 business days, please contact me at (916) 568-4255.

CALIFORNIA-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY

/s/ Jeffrey T. Linam

Jeffrey T. Linam
Vice President of Rates & Regulatory

Schedule No. UF
SURCHARGE TO FUND PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
REIMBURSEMENT FEE

Sheet 1

APPLICABILITY

This surcharge applies to all water bills rendered under all tariff rate schedules authorized by the Commission.

TERRITORY

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

RATES*

A 1.40% 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 all water and sewer system corporations to fund their regulation by the Commission. Public Utilities (PU) Code Sections 401-442. The surcharge to defray the cost of that fee is ordered by the Commission under authority granted by PU Code section 403.

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(TO BE INSERTED BY C.P.U.C.)

Advice 50-S

J. T. LINAM

Date Filed

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Decision

DIRECTOR - Rates & Regulatory

Effective

January 1, 2018

Resolution

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Sheet 1

The following listed tariff sheets contain all effective rates and rules affecting the charges and service of the utility, together with other pertinent information:

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<u>Rate Schedules:</u>		
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Schedule No. UF	212-S	(C)
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<u>FEES, CONTRACTS & DEVIATIONS</u>		
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<u>Sample Forms:</u>		
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No. 2 Customer's Deposit Receipt	49-S	
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