

Further Information

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Evidentiary Hearings

The CPUC may schedule formal Evidentiary Hearings (EH's) whereby formal parties of record provide testimony and are subject to cross examination before the CPUC's Administrative Law Judge (ALJ). These hearings are open to the public to listen, but only those who are formal parties of record are allowed to participate. The CPUC has their own court reporters who will take the comment of those formal parties of record participating in the EH's. California American Water will provide testimony at the hearings. The Division of Ratepayer Advocates (DRA) consists of engineers, accountants, economists and attorneys who independently evaluate the proposals of utilities for and present their analyses and recommendations for the CPUC at EH's. Once hearings are completed, the ALJ will consider all of the evidence presented and release the proposed draft decision. When the CPUC issues a final decision, it may adopt, amend, or modify all or part of the ALJ's draft decision. The final decision may differ from the requests in the application filed by California American Water.



Public Comments

If you wish to comment on this proposed application filing or informally protest this filing as a customer of California American Water, you may do so by contacting the CPUC's Public Advisor's Office (PAO). Written public comment by California American Water customers is very much desired by the CPUC and may be sent to the Public Advisor's Office at 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102, or via e-mail to public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov. Please state that you are writing about California American Water's Application 11-05-003 when sending your written correspondence or e-mail. All public comments become part of the formal public comment file. These public comments will be circulated to the assigned Administrative Law Judge (ALJ), the assigned Commissioner and appropriate line Division CPUC staff for review.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FILING BY CALIFORNIA-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY FOR AN AUTHORIZED COST OF CAPITAL INCREASE FOR UTILITY OPERATIONS FOR 2012-2014 IN ALL DISTRICTS

RATE INCREASE REQUEST LARKFIELD DISTRICT

Application No. **11-05-003**

On May 2, 2011, California American Water filed proposed Application 11-05-003 (A.11-05-003) with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) seeking authority to increase its Cost of Capital (COC) for the period 2012-2013 for all districts. The districts affected by the COC proposed increase are **Larkfield, Los Angeles, Monterey, Monterey (Toro), Monterey Wastewater, Sacramento, San Diego and Ventura.**

The CPUC sets the schedule for cost of capital applications and requires California American Water to file a cost of capital application every three years. Water utilities such as California American Water have a constitutional right to the opportunity to earn a return on their utility capital investments. While the CPUC must set rates that allow water utilities this opportunity, these rates do not guarantee that the utility will earn this return. The CPUC bases the rate of return on the COC needed to fund the investments. This CPUC proceeding will analyze California American Water's cost of capital and set the proper rate of return.

The requested increase to California American Water's COC will allow California American Water to continue to ensure the integrity of the water supply system and the provision of safe and clean drinking water. California American Water's request in A.11-05-003 is dependent on the outcome of two special requests in the company's current General Rate Case application filing (A.10-07-007), which address the interest rate on authorized costs that have not yet been recovered through rates.

If the CPUC grants California American Water's special requests, California American Water requests that the CPUC find reasonable and authorize:

- a capital structure of 50.31% debt and 49.69% equity
- a cost of debt of 6.70%
- a return on common equity of 11.50%
- a weighted average return on rate base of 9.08%

If the CPUC does not grant California American Water's special requests, California American Water requests that the CPUC find reasonable and authorize:

- a capital structure of 37.84% debt and 62.16% equity
- a cost of debt of 6.70%
- a return on common equity of 11.50%
- a weighted average return on rate base of 9.68%

Summary

The first table below shows the current and proposed rate impacts on the average **Larkfield District** residential customer with a standard (5/8 inch x 3/4 inch) meter. The second table shows the proposed increase in revenues per customer classification. The figures in the tables do not include applicable taxes and surcharges. The figures in the tables are assuming the CPUC approves the COC proposed by California American Water. The final CPUC decision may differ from California American Water's request.

LARKFIELD (currently proposed):

Average Residential Monthly Bill				
Average Usage	Proposed GRC Bill	Proposed Bill	Increase (\$)	Increase (%)
11 ccf	\$93.19	\$100.69	\$7.50	8.04%
Revenue Increase (Thousands of Dollars)				
Customer Class	Proposed GRC Revenue	Proposed Revenue	Increase (\$)	Increase (%)
Residential	\$2,343,223	\$2,531,703	\$188,480	8.04%
Commercial	\$1,197,939	\$1,294,296	\$96,358	8.04%
Industrial	\$12,728	\$13,752	\$1,024	8.04%
Public Authority	\$49,887	\$53,900	\$4,013	8.04%
Irrigation	\$0	\$0	\$0	8.04%
Private Fire Service	\$20,971	\$22,657	\$1,687	8.04%
Fire Hydrants	\$0	\$0	\$0	8.04%
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	8.04%
Total	\$3,624,748	\$3,916,309	\$291,561	

LARKFIELD (maximum proposed):

Average Residential Monthly Bill				
Average Usage	Proposed GRC Bill	Proposed Bill	Increase (\$)	Increase (%)
11 ccf	\$93.19	\$107.28	\$14.09	15.12%
Revenue Increase (Thousands of Dollars)				
Customer Class	Proposed GRC Revenue	Proposed Revenue	Increase (\$)	Increase (%)
Residential	\$2,343,223	\$2,697,558	\$354,335	15.12%
Commercial	\$1,197,939	\$1,379,088	\$181,149	15.12%
Industrial	\$12,728	\$14,653	\$1,925	15.12%
Public Authority	\$49,887	\$57,431	\$7,544	15.12%
Irrigation	\$0	\$0	\$0	15.12%
Private Fire Service	\$20,971	\$24,142	\$3,171	15.12%
Fire Hydrants	\$0	\$0	\$0	15.12%
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	15.12%
Total	\$3,624,748	\$4,172,871	\$548,123	