

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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October 25, 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 Advice Letter No. 2531, filed on September 13, 2024, regarding authorizing 2024 Adjustment for 2023 CPI.

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

P.U.C. Sheet	
No.	Title of Sheet
13599-W	Schedule No. GO-R-1, Grand Oaks Service Area Residential Metered Service
13600-W	Table of Contents (Page 9)
13601-W	Table of Contents (Page 1)

Please contact Van Harting at VH4@cpuc.ca.gov, if you have any questions.

Thank you.

Enclosures

CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
WATER DIVISION

Advice Letter Cover Sheet

Utility Name: California Water Service Company **Date Mailed to Service List:** 9/13/2024
District: Grand Oaks
CPUC Utility #: U-60-W **Protest Deadline (20th Day):** 10/03/2024
Advice Letter #: 2531 **Review Deadline (30th Day):** 10/13/2024
Tier: 1 2 3 Compliance **Requested Effective Date:** 10/01/2024
Authorization: D.92-03-093
Rate Impact: Revenue increase of \$748 or 3.4%
Description: 2024 Adjustment for 2023 CPI

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.

Utility Contact: Susan Lieu
Phone: 310-257-1498
Email: slieu@calwater.com

Utility Contact: Natalie Wales
Phone: 408-367-8566
Email: Nwales@calwater.com

DWA Contact: Tariff Unit
Phone: (415) 703-1133
Email: Water.Division@cpuc.ca.gov

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>STAFF</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
_____	_____	_____
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[] APPROVED [] WITHDRAWN [] REJECTED

Signature: _____ **Comments:** _____
Date: _____ _____



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 1720 NORTH FIRST STREET
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September 13, 2024

Advice Letter No. 2531

CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE COMPANY (U 60 W)

To The Public Utilities Commission of the State of California:

California Water Service Company (“Cal Water”) hereby respectfully requests authority to make changes to the tariff schedules below for its Grand Oaks District. ***Please note that this advice letter will only be distributed electronically to the Water Division and the attached service lists.***

C.P.U.C.		Canceling
Sheet No.		C.P.U.C.
<u>Sheet No.</u>	<u>Title of Sheet</u>	<u>Sheet No.</u>
XXXXX-W	Residential Metered Service	13185-W
XXXXX-W	Table of Contents (Page 9)	XXXXX-W
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Request

Cal Water requests permission to increase its revenues (calculated as increases to the current quantity rate and service charge components on the tariff) by 3.4%, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for 2023. The projected revenue increase of \$748 will not result in a rate of return that exceeds the authorized rate of return of 12.75%.

Background

Cal Water acquired the Grand Oaks water system at the direction of the Commission in D.07-05-053, which authorized Cal Water to continue to operate the system as a stand-alone Class D water system without any time limitation.

The present rates became effective on July 1, 2023, pursuant to Advice Letter 2483, which authorized an offset (CPI) rate increase of \$1,558, or 6.5%.

Discussion

AL 2531 is filed pursuant to Ordering Paragraph No. 1 of Decision 92-03-093 and Resolution W-4493, which authorized Class C and D water and sewer utilities to file a request for a CPI increase once a year by Advice Letter. The specific increase allowed for 2024 is 3.4% identified in a letter dated February 1, 2024, from the Water Division as the CPI for 2023. The increase is to be passed on to the utility’s customers in their quantity rates and service charges.



Requested Effective Date

Under General Order 96-B, Water Industry Rule 7.3.1, this is a Tier 1 advice letter. Cal Water requests that the rates proposed in this advice letter become effective on **October 1, 2024**.

Notice

Customer Notice – Customer notice of Tier 1 advice letters is not required under General Order 96-B, General Rule 4.2. In accordance with General Order 96-B, General Rule 3.2 the utility shall inform its customers, by bill insert in the first bill that includes the increase, of the amount of the increase expressed in dollar and percentage terms.

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 **September 13, 2024**, 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. 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 that such a protest may not be made where it would require re-litigating 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 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/
Susan Lieu
Rates Analyst

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

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Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No. 13599-W
Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No. 13185-W

Schedule No. GO-R-1
Grand Oaks Service Area
RESIDENTIAL METERED SERVICE

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APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all residential metered water service.

TERRITORY

A portion of the community of Tehachapi, Kern County.

RATES

Quantity Rates:

All water delivered, per 100 cu. Ft. \$1.2510 (I)

Service Charge:

		<u>Per Meter Per Month</u>	
For	5/8 x 3/4 - inch meter	\$14.71	(I)
For	3/4 - inch meter	\$22.08	
For	1 - inch meter	\$36.80	
For	1-1/2 - inch meter	\$73.59	
For	2 - inch meter	\$117.76	(I)

The service charge is a readiness-to-serve charge that is applicable to all metered service and to which is added the charge for water used computed at the quantity rates.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. All bills are subject to the reimbursement fees set forth on Schedule UF.

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Advice Letter 2531
Decision

Issued By
Greg Milleman
Vice President
Rates and Regulatory Affairs

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Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No. 13600-W
 Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No. 13551-W

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Nonresidential Metered Service		BG-1-NR (Pg 1 of 1)	13464-W
CHICO – HAMILTON CITY DISTRICT			
Residential Metered Service		CH-NVR-1-R (Pg 1 of 2)	13469-W
		CH-NVR-1-R (Pg 2 of 2)	13470-W
Nonresidential Metered Service		CH-NVR-1-NR (Pg 1 of 1)	13471-W
DIXON DISTRICT			
Residential Metered Service		DX-1-R (Pg 1 of 2)	13472-W
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Nonresidential Metered Service		DX-1-NR (Pg 1 of 1)	13473-W
DOMINGUEZ DISTRICT			
<i>Applicable Tariffs now under South Bay Region</i>			
EAST LOS ANGELES DISTRICT			
Residential Metered Service		EL-1-R (Pg 1 of 2)	13474-W
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		EL-1-NR (Pg 2 of 2)	13477-W
Recycled Water Service		EL-6 (Pg 1 of 2)	13478-W
		EL-6 (Pg 2 of 2)	13479-W
GRAND OAKS DISTRICT			
Residential Metered Service		GO-R-1	13599-W (C)

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Revised Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No. 13601-W
 Cancelling Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No. 13598-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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Grand Oaks District
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PER SECTION III (G) OF GENERAL ORDER NO. 96-A

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