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Dear Mr. Morse,

The Water Division of the California Public Utilities Commission has approved California-American Water Company's Advice Letter No. 1433, filed on December 22, 2023, regarding 2024 ACAM Implementation for All Divisions.

Enclosed is a copy of the advice letter with an effective date of January 1, 2024 for the utility's files.

Please contact Bradley Leong at BL4@cpuc.ca.gov or 415-703-2307, if you have any questions.

Thank you.

Enclosures

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

Advice Letter Cover Sheet

Utility Name: California American Water	Date Mailed to Service List: December 22, 2023
District: All Divisions	
CPUC Utility #: U210W	Protest Deadline (20th Day): January 11, 2024
Advice Letter #: 1433	Review Deadline (30th Day): January 21, 2024
Tier <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Compliance	Requested Effective Date: January 1, 2024
Authorization D.21-11-018	
Description: 2024 ACAM Implementation – All Divisions	Rate Impact: \$See AL See AL%

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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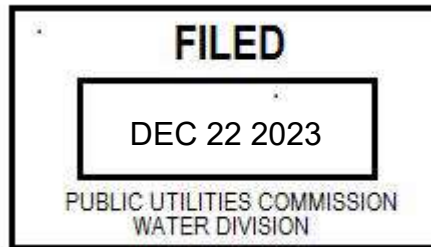
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December 22, 2023

ADVICE LETTER NO. 1433

TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

California-American Water Company (U210W) (California American Water) submits this advice letter applicable to its Northern Division, Central Division and Southern Division water customers. Fruitridge Vista and Chualar are excluded from the ACAM.

Purpose:

This advice letter is to comply with Decision (D.) 21-11-018 which states:

Cal-Am should incorporate the existing ACAM mechanism permanently in the Monterey County District and incorporate the adjustment mechanism approved in D.18-05-027, as part of the step and attrition filings for all districts, excluding (1) the Fruitridge sub-system in the Northern Division for 2022 and 2023; and (2) setting test year rates for the Monterey District.

We find the Settlement, as it relates to Special Request #12, is reasonable in light of the whole record of this proceeding, consistent with the law, and in the public interest, pursuant to the directives adopted the Presiding Officer's Decision Adopting the Phase 3B Settlement Agreement in A.15-07-019, Attachment 2, and D.18-07-010 adopting the Phase 3B Settlement Agreement. The Monterey District ACAM shall be made permanent effective in 2021. The new pilot ACAM across other districts, excluding the Fruitridge sub-system, shall begin in 2021 with an adjustment mechanism that aligns with D.18-07-010. The pilot ACAM shall include the Fruitridge sub-system starting in 2024.¹

Background:

California American Water was authorized to create a pilot (Annual Consumption Adjustment Mechanism ("ACAM")) in its Monterey Service Area in D.18-05-027. D.21-11-018 authorized the ACAM as a permanent program in Monterey, and also authorized California American Water to create new ACAM pilot programs in its Northern, Southern Division, and the Central Satellite service area within the Central Division. The Fruitridge Vista service area will be included in the ACAM when it is fully metered.

As ordered in D.21-11-018, California American Water filed its 2024 Annual Consumption Adjustment Mechanism ("ACAM") Advice Letters 1425, 1426, and 1427 for its Northern, Central, and Southern Divisions. The tariffs included in that filing reflected rate changes resulting from the 2024 ACAM rates for all service areas. California American Water received an email communication from Water Division on December 15, 2023, advising that Cal PA's protest was denied and that Advice Letters 1425, 1426, and 1427 were approved with an

¹ D.21-11-018 at 157

effective date of January 1, 2024. Additionally, California American filed Advice Letter 1430 on December 18 for interim rates related to its pending General Rate Case (A.22-07-001) and incorporated the ACAM rates into AL 1430 which is also effective January 1, 2024.

Request:

In compliance with D.21-11-018 and the Preliminary Statement for the ACAM, following approval of the Tier 2 ACAM filings, California American Water is required to file a Tier 1 advice letter to implement new rates applicable to its Northern, Central and Southern Divisions. California American Water requests authority to implement rates contained in Advice Letters 1425, 1426, and 1427 which are incorporated into the rate tariffs in Advice Letter 1430 and will be effective January 1, 2024.

Tier Designation:

This advice letter is submitted pursuant to General Order No. 96-B and D.21-11-018 and is designated as a Tier 1 filing.

Effective Date:

California American Water requests an effective date of January 1, 2024.

Notice:

Pursuant to Section 4.3 of General Order No. 96-B, a copy of this advice letter is being provided to those entities listed in the attached "SERVICE LIST PURSUANT TO SECTION 4.3 OF G.O. NO. 96-B." Per guidance from the California Public Utilities Commission's Water Division, during the COVID-19 pandemic, advice letters will only be delivered electronically to the service list.

RESPONSE OR PROTEST²

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 grounds³ 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.

² G.O. 96-B, General Rule 7.4.1

³ 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
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On the same day the response or protest is submitted to DWA, the respondent or protestant shall send a copy of the protest to California American Water at:

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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.

REPLIES⁴

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.

⁴ 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 Chase Grady at (916) 568-4241.

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