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February 5, 2025

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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. 1456, filed on December 6, 2024, regarding Sacramento County Franchise Fee Update for the Northern Division.

Enclosed are copies of the following revised tariff sheets, effective January 1, 2025, for the utility's files:

P.U.C.	
Sheet No.	Title of Sheet
11066-W	Schedule No. ND-1 Northern Division Tariff Area General Metered Services Sheet 6
11067-W	Table Of Contents Sheet 3
11068-W	Table Of Contents Sheet 1

Please contact Bradley Leong at BL4@cpuc.ca.gov, 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 6, 2024

District: Northern Division

CPUC Utility #: U210W **Protest Deadline (20th Day):** December 26, 2024

Advice Letter #: 1456 **Review Deadline (30th Day):** January 5, 2025

Tier 1 2 3 Compliance **Requested Effective Date:** January 1, 2025

Authorization

Description: Sacramento County Franchise Fee Update **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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<u>DATE</u>	<u>STAFF</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
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APPROVED WITHDRAWN REJECTED

Signature: _____ **Comments:** _____

Date: _____

December 6, 2024

ADVICE LETTER NO. 1456

TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

California-American Water Company ("California American Water") (U210W) hereby submits for review this advice letter, including the following tariff sheets, attached hereto, which are applicable to its Northern Division.

Purpose and Background:

This advice letter is being filed to update the franchise fee for the County of Sacramento.

California American Water's tariff currently authorizes California American Water to include a surcharge of 2% of gross revenues on each Sacramento County customer bill. California American Water recently determined that a surcharge of 2% on all Sacramento County customer bills was incorrect and more than the amount California American Water was/is required to remit to the County of Sacramento. As a result, California American Water ceased collecting the Sacramento County franchise fee as of November 25, 2024. Additionally, California American Water intends to provide an appropriate bill credit to customers to return the amounts billed in excess of what was/is owed to the County of Sacramento. California American Water will file a tier 1 advice letter seeking authorization to implement customer credits within 60 days of this filing.

Additionally, to further address the issue described above, California American Water requests updating the franchise fee from 2% of gross annual receipts to 1% of gross annual receipts effective January 1, 2025.

Request:

California American Water requests that the Sacramento County franchise fee be updated effective January 1, 2025.

Tier Designation:

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

Effective Date:

California American Water requests an effective date of January 1, 2025.

Notice and Service List:

This is a Tier 1 advice letter that does not require customer notification, as provided in Water Industry Rule 7.3.1 of General Order 96-B. 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 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 Protest¹

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 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.)
7. 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

¹ G.O. 96-B, General Rule 7.4.1

² G.O. 96-B, General Rule 7.4.2

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.

REPLIES

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.

If you have not received a reply to your protest within 10 business days, please contact Leana Ramirez at (916) 568-4279.

CALIFORNIA-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY

/s/ Leana Ramirez

Leana Ramirez
Business Support Specialist

Cal P.U.C. Sheet No.	Title of Sheet	Cancelling Cal P.U.C. Sheet No.
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Schedule No. ND-1

Sheet 6

Northern Division Tariff Area

GENERAL METERED SERVICES

NORTHERN DIVISION TARIFF AREA (Continued)

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

General Items

All Northern Division

1. Qualifying low-income customers can receive a discount on their bill. Customers must apply with the Company for acceptance into the low-income program. For additional details, please see Tariff Schedule CA-CAP.
2. Multi-Use Customers (formerly Residential Fire Protection Service "R.F.P.S.") are assessed a surcredit as listed on tariff schedule CA-Multi-Use.
3. In accordance with Section 2714 of the Public Utilities Code, if a tenant in a rental unit leaves owing the Company, service to subsequent tenants in that unit will, at the Company's option, be furnished on the account of the landlord or property owner

Sacramento, Meadowbrook, and Larkfield Tariff Areas

1. Pursuant to Decision D. 21-11-018 and in accordance with the Preliminary Statement, the Annual Consumption Adjustment Mechanism (ACAM) pilot provides for an annual adjustment to California American Water Northern Division District rates based on the 12-month actual consumption ending September 30th of the prior year.

Fruitridge Vista Service Area

1. Fruitridge Vista Flat Rate applies to a service connection not larger than one inch in diameter.
2. If the utility so elects, a meter shall be installed, and water served under Schedule ND-1 Fruitridge Vista General Metered Service.

Fees and Surcharges

All Northern Division

1. All bills are subject to the reimbursement fee set forth in Schedule No. UF.
2. A surcharge for the Customer Assistance Program (CAP) is applied to each California American Water customer bill. Please refer to tariff CA-FEES for charges and details.
3. A surcharge is included on each bill to collect franchise taxes and/or business license fees paid to various municipalities. The amount collected is based on a percentage of gross revenues of each bill. The percentage is 1.00% to Sacramento County and 2.00% to Placer County, City of Rancho Cordova, and Larkfield Sonoma County respectively. (R), (T)
4. Per Advice Letter 1442 and D.21-11-018 a surcharge of \$0.0014 per cgl will be collected from metered customers for the 2019 General Rate Case interim rate true-up. Flat rate customers in Fruitridge Vista will be charged a flat surcharge of \$0.27 per month. The surcharges will be collected over 12 months beginning upon approval of Advice Letter 1442.

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Central Division

Monterey Service Area

(Monterey Main, Hidden Hills, Ryan Ranch, & Bishop Service Areas)

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