## CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION DIVISION OF WATER AND AUDITS

## **Advice Letter Cover Sheet**

Date Mailed to Service List: December 12, 2017

Protest Deadline (20th Day): January 1, 2017

Review Deadline (30th Day): January 11, 2018

Requested Effective Date: January 13, 2017

Rate Impact: \$See AL

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**Utility Name:** California American Water

CPUC Utility #: U210W

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Advice Letter #: 1183

**Authorization** 

**District:** Ventura County District

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**Description:** 2017 Step rate filing correction

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December 12, 2017

**ADVICE LETTER NO. 1183** 

## TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

California-American Water Company (California American Water) (U210W) submits for review this advice letter including the following attached tariff sheets applicable to its Los Angeles County District:

C.P.U.C. Sheet No.	Title of Sheet	Canceling Sheet No.
XXXX-W	Schedule No. VN-9MC Ventura County District Tariff METERED CONSTRUCTION SERVICE	8338-W
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#### Purpose:

This advice letter filing seeks to reduce the surcharge in the Ventura construction tariff sheet previously approved in Advice Letter 1139-A, which became effective January 13, 2017. The reduction addresses an inadvertent miscalculation in the volumetric rate for metered construction service customers.

#### Background:

On November 22, 2016, California American Water filed Advice Letter 1139 requesting approval of the Company's 2017 step rates for the Ventura County District. After review by the Division of Water and Audits (DWA), California American Water updated workpapers based on DWA's recommendation. California American Water then filed supplemental Advice Letter 1139-A on January 9, 2017. After further review, DWA approved Advice Letter 1139-A on February 16, 2017.

Subsequently, California American Water determined the construction surcharge included a conversion error. California American Water inflated the metered construction quantity rate at the time of the filing by multiplying 2016 adopted rates by a conversion factor twice. While the methodology of inflation is accepted by DWA, the miscalculation was caused by the inadvertent use of an incorrect conversion factor. The input needs to be adjusted and the surcharge reduced to reflect the adjustment.

California American Water will issue refunds to customers impacted by this miscalculation.

#### Request:

California American Water requests correction of the tariff sheet previously approved in Advice Letter 1139-A, which became effective January 13, 2017.

## **Tier Designation:**

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

### **Effective Date:**

Pursuant to D.15-04-007, California American Water requests an effective date of January 13, 2017.

## **RESPONSE OR PROTEST<sup>1</sup>**

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 grounds<sup>2</sup> 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 (<u>or</u> postal mail) within 20 days of the date the AL is filed. When submitting a response or protest, <u>please include the utility name and advice letter number in the subject line.</u>

The addresses for submitting a response or protest are:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> G.O. 96-B, General Rule 7.4.1

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> G.O. 96-B, General Rule 7.4.2

Email Address: Mailing Address:

Water.Division@cpuc.ca.gov 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 California American Water at:

Email Address: Mailing Address:

melody.singh@amwater.com 4701 Beloit Drive

Sacramento, CA 95838

<u>sarah.leeper@amwater.com</u> 555 Montgomery Street, Ste. 816

San Francisco, CA 94111

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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**<sup>3</sup>

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.

CALIFORNIA-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY

/s/ Jeffrey T. Linam

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> G.O. 96-B, General Rule 7.4.3

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## Schedule No. VN-9MC Ventura County District Tariff Area METERED CONSTRUCTION SERVICE

Sheet 4

#### **APPLICABILITY**

Applicable to all water service furnished for construction purposes.

### **TERRITORY**

Portions of Thousand Oaks, Newbury Park, an area adjacent to Camarillo, and vicinity, Ventura County.

**RATES** 

Quantity Rates: Per Month

For 100 gal (CGL)

For all water delivered, per CGL \$0.5895 (R)

Minimum Charge:

Per Day

For all sizes of meters \$34.72

The Minimum Charge will entitle the customer to the quantity of water which that minimum charge will purchase at the Quantity Rates

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