

California Public Utility Commission Establishes New Rates for Golden State Water Company's Simi Valley Customers

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), which regulates Golden State Water Company (GSWC) to ensure adequate levels of service are provided at the lowest reasonable costs, approved a final decision on the company's 2010 General Rate Case (GRC) on Dec. 16, 2010. The decision established rates for GSWC to charge customers for 2011 and 2012 in its Simi Valley Customer Service Area.

Impact on an Average Residential Customer

An average residential customer in Simi Valley with a 5/8-inch meter using 17 Ccf per month (12,716 gallons) would see their monthly bill increase \$4.79, from \$58.17 to \$62.96, or 8.2%.

Rate impacts will vary according to water usage. The table below shows the monthly impact for three different usage amounts for a customer with a 5/8-inch meter.

Monthly Usage*	Previous Rates	Adopted Rates	Increase Amount	Percent Increase
10 Ccf	\$37.80	\$41.32	\$3.52	9.31%
17 Ccf (Avg)	\$58.17	\$62.96	\$4.79	8.23%
30 Ccf	\$102.85	\$110.43	\$7.58	7.36%

*1 Ccf equals 100 cubic feet or 748 gallons.

Reason for Rate Increase

The CPUC requires GSWC to file a GRC application every three years. The GRC looks forward and forecasts how much the company will need to recover in rates for the following expenses:

- **Supply Expense**
- **Operating Expense**
- **Maintenance Expense**
- **Administrative and General**
- **Depreciation**
- **Taxes**
- **Return on Investment**

GSWC will file its next GRC in July 2011 to establish rates for the years 2013, 2014 and 2015.

Protecting Low-Income Customers

GSWC recognizes the fact that rate increases of any kind can pose a challenge. For this reason, Golden State offers a discount (California Alternate Rates for Water, or CARW). Qualified participants receive an \$8 discount per month in the Simi Valley Customer Service Area, which is approximately a 15 percent discount for a customer who uses 15 Ccf. Contact GSWC to see if you qualify for this program.