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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FILING BY GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY  
FOR THE BAY POINT CUSTOMER SERVICE AREA  
TO RECOVER THE COSTS OF ACQUIRING CAPACITY IN CONTRA COSTA WATER DISTRICT'S AND TO  
IMPROVE WATER QUALITY AND FLOURIDATE THE WATER**

**REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS  
APPLICATION NO. 09-08-004**

Dear Valued Customer,

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) is seeking public comment on Golden State Water Company's (GSWC's) Application 09-08-004. This application requests authorization for GSWC to enter into an Asset Lease Agreement with the Contra Costa Water District (CCWD) for water treatment capacity at CCWD's Randall Bold Treatment Plant. Water purchased from CCWD will allow GSWC to provide its Bay Point customers with fluoridated water and comply with water quality regulations for total trihalomethanes (TTHMs).

The application proposes to increase rates to recover the costs of the proposed lease agreement with CCWD, subsequent reimbursement for the cost of treating the water, a new pipeline interconnection with CCWD to accommodate a larger water capacity to flow into GSWC's system, and costs recorded in the Bay Point Water Quality Memorandum Account associated with purchasing additional treated water. Since May 2008, GSWC has increased its supply from CCWD to comply with TTHM standards.

If approved, the average customer bill would increase by approximately 10 percent the first year beginning and a similar amount in the second year beginning. The average residential customer using 11 Ccfs per month currently pays \$63.63. Their anticipated bill would increase by \$6.12 or 9.61% for the first year and \$12.21 or 19.20% for the second year.

GSWC's Bay Point Service Area serves approximately 5,000 customers in and around unincorporated Bay Point in Contra Costa County.

**Obtaining a Copy of the Application**

A copy of GSWC's Application No. 09-08-004 and related exhibits may be examined at the following GSWC locations:

- Bay Point Customer Service Area Office located at 53 Manor Drive, Suite B, Bay Point, California, 94565;
- GSWC Rancho Cordova office located at 3035 Prospect Park Drive, Suite 60 in Rancho Cordova, California, 95670;
- GSWC General Office located at 630 East Foothill Blvd., San Dimas, California, 91773

Copies are also available for review at the California Public Utilities Commission's Central Files, Monday – Friday, 8am – 12 noon 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102 and can also be viewed on the Commission's website at [www.cpuc.ca.gov](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov).

**Public Comment**

Written public comment by GSWC customers is very much desired by the CPUC and may be sent to the Public Advisor's Office. The Public Advisor's Office was established to assist members of the public who want to participate in CPUC proceedings. If you wish to participate or comment on this application, you may do so by e-mail or writing the Public Advisor's Office at 320 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 500, Los Angeles, California 90013, or by email to [public.advisor.la@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:public.advisor.la@cpuc.ca.gov). Please refer to Golden State Water Company's Application No. 09-08-004 in any communications. These comments will become part of the formal correspondence file of the proceeding and will be circulated to the assigned Administrative Law Judge, the Commissioners and appropriate Commission staff.

**EVIDENTIARY HEARINGS**

The CPUC may schedule formal evidentiary hearings whereby the formal parties of record provide testimony and are subject to cross examination before the CPUC's Administrative Law Judge (ALJ). These hearings are open to the public, but only those who are formal parties of record can participate. The CPUC has their own court reporters who will take the comments of those formal parties of record participating in the evidentiary hearings. GSWC will provide testimony at the hearings. The Division of Ratepayer Advocates (DRA) consists of engineers, accountants,

economists and attorneys who independently evaluate the proposals of utilities for rate changes and present their analyses and recommendations for the CPUC at evidentiary hearings. Once hearings are completed, the ALJ will consider all of the evidence presented and release the draft decision. The CPUC may approve the proposed requests for Golden State Water, approve the draft decision by the ALJ, or may approve an alternate decision filed by a CPUC Commissioner. The final decision may differ from GSWC's original proposed request.

If you need additional information, you may call the Golden State Water Company Customer Service Center, toll free, at 1-800-999-4033, TTY 1-877-933-9533, 24 hours a day.

**GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY**