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May 8, 2020

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Dear Mr. Moore,

The Commission has approved Golden State Water Company's Advice Letter No. 1812, filed on March 5, 2020, regarding the Transfer of Intervenor Compensation Awards to the General Ratemaking Area Balancing Account ("GRABA").

Enclosed is a copy of the advice letter with an effective date of March 5, 2020 for the utility's files.

Please contact Jeremy Ho at 415-703-1905, if you have any questions.

Thank you,

/s/ROBIN BRYANT

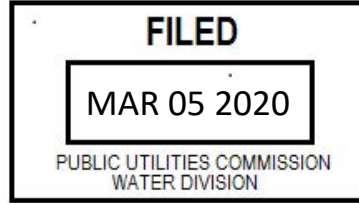
Robin Bryant
Water & Sewer Advisory Branch
Water Division

Enclosures



March 5, 2020

Advice Letter No. 1812-W



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California Public Utilities Commission

Golden State Water Company (“GSWC”) hereby transmits one original and three conformed copies of the advice letter applicable to its Water Operations.

SUBJECT: *Transfer of Intervenor Compensation Awards to the General Ratemaking Area Balancing Account (“GRABA”).*

REQUEST

GSWC is seeking to transfer small intervenor compensation awards, listed below in Table 1, to its GRABA.

BACKGROUND

The California Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”), in its Decision No. (“D.”) 19-05-044 for GSWC’s General Rate Case Application (Application No. 17-07-010), authorized GSWC to establish the GRABA. The purpose of the GRABA is to aggregate small residual dollar amounts from expired authorized amortizations and other authorized dollar amounts (e.g. intervenor compensation awards) for subsequent amortization at the ratemaking area level. A small residual balance would encompass any balance less than 2% of gross adopted revenues by ratemaking area. The GRABA became effective on June 8, 2019, via Advice Letter No. 1774-W.

Table 1
Intervenor Compensation Awards

<u>Decision No.</u>	<u>Award Recipient</u>	<u>Award Amount</u>
D.15-06-062	Consumer Federation of California	\$4,480.29
D.15-09-017	The Utility Reform Network	\$14,470.65
D.18-05-038	The Utility Reform Network	\$501.11
D.18-11-045	Utility Consumer's Action Network	\$1,556.83
D.16-04-010	Natural Resources Defense Council	\$346.33
D.19-01-041	Consumer Federation of California Foundation	\$479.25
D.17-04-038	The Utility Reform Network	\$316.54
D.17-02-014	Green Power Institute	\$261.32
D.14-04-021	The Utility Reform Network	\$865.00*
Total		\$23,277.32

*Note: The Settlement Agreement adopted in D.19-05-044 acknowledged \$865 as the residual balance from the Intervenor Compensation Award of \$142,070.32 granted to The Utility Reform Network in D.14-04-021.

COMPLIANCE

GSWC's request in this advice letter is in compliance with D.19-05-044 and consistent with the purpose of Preliminary Statement, Part III, General Ratemaking Area Balancing Account.

TARIFF CHANGES

This advice letter will not increase any rate or charge, cause the withdrawal of service, or conflict with any other schedule, or rule.

SUPPORTING WORKPAPERS

Supporting workpapers are being provided to Water Division and Cal PAO staff.

TIER DESIGNATION

This advice letter is submitted with a Tier 1 designation. Since the aforementioned intervenor compensations awards were granted in prior Commission proceedings, and GSWC's request is consistent with the purpose of the GRABA, GSWC believes the Tier 1 designation is appropriate for this advice letter.

EFFECTIVE DATE

GSWC is requesting that this advice letter become effective on its filing date, which is March 5, 2020.

CUSTOMER NOTICE

Pursuant to Water Industry Rule No. 3.2 in the Commission's General Order 96-B, this advice letter does not require a customer notice nor a customer notice verification.

RESPONSE OR PROTEST

Anyone may submit a response or protest for this Advice Letter (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 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 re-litigating a prior order of the Commission.

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.

Division of Water and Audits (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

On the same day the response or protest is submitted to DWA, the respondent or protestant shall send a copy of the protest to Golden State Water Company at:

Email Address:

regulatoryaffairs@gswater.com

Mailing Address:

Golden State Water Company
Attn: Ronald Moore
630 East Foothill Blvd.
San Dimas, CA 91773

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.

Cities and counties that need Board of Supervisors or Board of Commissioners approval to protest should inform the Water Division, 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.

No individuals or utilities have requested notification of filing of tariffs. Distribution of this advice letter is being made to the attached service list in accordance with General Order No. 96-B.

Sincerely,

/s/ Ronald Moore

Ronald Moore

Regulatory Affairs Department

Golden State Water Company

- c: Jim Boothe, CPUC - Water Division
- Bruce DeBerry, CPUC - Water Division
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- Richard Smith, CPUC- Cal PAO