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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

505 VAN NESS AVENUE SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94102-3298

May 8, 2020

COLLITIES COMPANY

Ronald K. Moore Senior Regulatory Analyst Golden State Water Company 630 East Foothill Blvd. San Dimas, CA 91773

Dear Mr. Moore,

The Commission has approved Golden State Water Company's Advice Letter No. 1815, filed on April 3, 2020, regarding the Rule No. 1, 5, 8, 10 & 11 revisions related to the Water Shutoff Protection Act.

Enclosed are copies of the following revised tariff sheets for the utility's files:

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Please contact Eustace Ednacot at 415-703-1492, if you have any questions.

Thank you,

/s/ROBIN BRYANT

Robin Bryant

Water & Sewer Advisory Branch

Water Division

Enclosures

CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION DIVISION OF WATER AND AUDITS

Advice Letter Cover Sheet

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Utility Name: GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY

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In compliance with Water Division's directive

District: COMPANY-WIDE

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CPUC Utility #: 133 W

Advice Letter #: 1815-W

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4/3/2020 or shortly

Date Mailed to Service List:

Protest Deadline (20th Day): 4/23/2020

Review Deadline (30th Day): 5/3/2020

Requested Effective Date: 4/3/2020

Authorization	in Letter dated March 27, 2020		Rate Impac	t: N/A
Description:	Rule No. 1, 5, 8, 10 & 11 revision Shutoff Protection Act.	s related to the Water		
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Utility Cont	act: Gladys Estrada			Jon Pierotti
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April 3, 2020

Advice Letter No. 1815-W

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TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Golden State Water Company (GSWC) hereby transmits the following tariff sheets applicable to its water operations:

<u>CPUC Sheet No</u> Revised No. 8664-W	<u>Title of Sheet</u> Rule No. 1 - Definitions Page 1	Canceling <u>CPUC Sheet No.</u> Revised No. 8593-W
Revised No. 8665-W	Rule No. 1 - Definitions Page 2	Revised No. 8594-W
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Purpose

The purpose of this filing is to revise several Rules in GSWC's tariff book, as it relates to the tariffs approved in its Advice Letter No. 1808-W, effective February 1, 2020. On March 27, 2020, the Water division instructed GSWC and several other Class A Utilities to make minor revisions to revised tariff Rules submitted in compliance with the Senate Bill 998, the Water Shutoff Protection Act.

Compliance

In compliance with the Water Division's March 27, 2020 directives, GSWC's submits the required revisions to its Rule Nos. 1, 5, 8, 10 and 11.

In addition, GSWC is including the web link to its written policy as required by SB998. The policy can be accessed at https://www.gswater.com/policy-of-discontinuation/

<u>Tier Designation/Effective Date</u>

This advice letter is submitted with a Tier 1 designation. GSWC is requesting that this filing become effective on April 3, 2020.

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 advice letter. 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;
- 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.

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 (<u>or</u> 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: 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 Golden State Water Company at:

Email Address: Mailing Address:

<u>regulatoryaffairs@gswater.com</u> Golden State Water Company Gladys Estrada

630 East Foothill Blvd. San Dimas, CA 91773

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 to 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.

Sincerely,

<u>/s/ Gladys Estrada</u> Gladys Estrada Regulatory Analyst

c: Jim Boothe, CPUC - Division of Water and Audits Patricia Ma, CPUC - Water Branch, Public Advocates Office Richard Smith, CPUC - Water Branch, Public Advocates Office Bruce DeBerry, CPUC - Water Division

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Rule No. 1 Definitions

<u>Applicant:</u> The person, association, corporation or governmental agency applying for water service.

Business Day: Monday through Friday, excluding federal or state holidays.

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<u>Business Service</u>: Provision of water for use in connection with commercial premises devoted primarily to operations for profit including offices, stores, markets, apartments, hotels, automobile trailer parks or courts, service stations and the like.

<u>Commercial Service:</u> Provision of water to residential premises or business premises.

<u>Customer:</u> Any person, association, corporation or governmental agency supplied or entitled to be supplied with water service. However, account information can only be discussed with the Customer of Record or their authorized representative.

<u>Customer of Record:</u> The person, association, corporation or governmental agency who is obligated to pay the water bill.

<u>Date of Presentation:</u> The date upon which a bill or notice is mailed or delivered by the utility to the Customer of Record.

<u>Disabled Customer:</u> Any residential customer whose certified health or physical condition may qualify her or him for special consideration. Proof of disability must be by certification from any internist, general practitioner, obstetrician-gynecologist, pediatrician, family physician and surgeon, nonphysician medical practitioner, or any primary care clinic, rural health clinic, community clinic or hospital outpatient clinic currently enrolled in the Medi-Cal program, which agrees to provide case management to Medi-Cal beneficiaries as defined in subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) of Section 14088 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

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<u>Electronic Transfer</u>: Paperless exchange of data and /or funds, usually involving computer and telecommunications technology.

<u>Flat Rate Service</u>: Service for which the charges are based upon the types and number of units served.

<u>Industrial Service:</u> Provision of water to industrial premises where the water is used primarily in manufacturing or processing activities.

<u>Irrigation Service</u>: Provision of water for commercial agricultural, floracultural or horticultural use and billed under distinct irrigation rates.

<u>Main Extension</u>: The extension of water distribution mains beyond existing facilities in accordance with the provisions of the rule applicable to main extensions filed as part of these tariff schedules.

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Rule No. 1 Definitions

<u>Metered Service</u>: Service for which the charges are computed on the basis of measured quantities of water. (L)

<u>Occupant:</u> Any adult person demonstrably residing on premises actively served by the utility. However, account information can only be discussed with the Customer of Record or their authorized representative.

Older Adult Customer: Any residential customer who is age 62 or over.

<u>Premises:</u> The integral property or area, including improvements thereon, to which water service is, or is to be, provided.

<u>Public Utilities Commission:</u> In these rules the word "Commission" or words "Public Utilities Commission" shall be construed to mean the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California.

<u>Residential Service</u>: Water service to a residential connection that includes single-family residences, multifamily residences, mobilehomes, including, but not limited to, mobilehomes in mobilehome parks, or farmworker housing.

Service Address: Address of the property to which water service is provided.

<u>Service Connection</u>: The point of connection of the customer's piping or ditch with the meter, service pipe or ditch owned by the utility.

<u>Service Pipe:</u> The connection between the utility's mains and the service connection, including all the pipe, fittings and valves necessary to make the connection.

<u>Tariff Schedules or Tariff Schedule Book:</u> The entire body of effective rates, rentals, charges, rules, and sample forms collectively, as set forth herein.

Tariff Sheet: An individual sheet of the tariff schedule book.

Utility: The public utility named herein.

Water Shutoff Protection Act: Chapter 6 (commencing with Section 116900 and ending with Section 116926) of Part 12 of Division 104 of the Health and Safety Code. (N)

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Rule No. 10 Disputed Bills

A. Correctness of Bill

Any customer (or adult occupant of a residential service address) who has initiated a complaint to the utility or requested an investigation by the utility within five days of receiving a contested bill shall be given an opportunity for review of such complaint or investigation by a review manager of the utility. The review shall include consideration of whether the customer should be permitted to amortize the unpaid balance of her or his account over a reasonable period of time.

B. Notice of Deposit to Avoid Discontinuance

If an explanation satisfactory to the customer is not made by the utility and the bill is not paid within 19 days after its presentation or at the time the explanation is made, whichever is longer, the utility will notify the customer in writing substantially as follows:

1. To avoid discontinuance of service, in lieu of paying the bill in question, the residential customer within 15 days and the nonresidential customer within 7 days of the date of this notice, may deposit with the California Public Utilities Commission, Consumer Affairs Branch, 505 Van Ness Avenue, 3rd Floor, San Francisco, California 94102 the amount of the bill claimed by the utility to be due. Review of the dispute will be conducted by the Commission's Consumer Affairs Branch. Pending the Commission's review of the disputed bill, water service will not be discontinued.

C. Commission Appeal

When a customer and the utility fail to agree on a bill for service:

- In lieu of paying the disputed bill the customer may deposit, with the California Public
 Utilities Commission, Consumer Affairs Branch, 505 Van Ness Avenue, 3rd Floor, San
 Francisco, California 94102, the amount claimed by the utility to be due.
 Whether or not the residential customer makes a deposit with the California Public
 Utilities Commission, the utility shall not discontinue the water service of any residential customer for a minimum total of 79 days from the date of mailing its bill for services,
 postage prepaid.
- 2. Checks or other forms of remittance for such deposit should be made payable to the California Public Utilities Commission and should be accompanied with the bill in question and a statement setting forth the basis for the dispute of the amount of the bill.

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Rule No. 10 Disputed Bills

C. Commission Appeal (Continued)

- 3. Upon receipt of the deposit, the bill and the customer's statement of the dispute, the Commission will notify the utility, will review the basis of the billed amount, and will advise both parties of its findings and disburse the deposit in accordance therewith.
- 4. Service will not be discontinued for nonpayment of the disputed bill when deposit has been made with the Commission (Consumer Affairs Branch), pending the outcome of the Commission's review.
- 5. Failure of the customer to make such deposit prior to the expiration of the discontinuance of service notice as given in Rule No. 10.B.1. will warrant discontinuance of service.
- 6. If before the completion of the Commission's review, additional bills become due which the customer wishes to dispute, she or he shall also deposit with the Commission the additional amounts claimed by the utility to be due for such additional bills before they become past due and failure to do so will warrant discontinuance of her or his service in accordance with Rule No. 11.

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Rule No. 11 Discontinuance And Restoration Of Service

- B. Discontinuance of Services by Utility (Continued)
 - For Nonpayment of Bills (Continued)
 - d. Appeal to the Commission.

Any customer (or adult occupant of a residential service address) whose complaint or request for an investigation pursuant to subdivision (c) has resulted in a determination by the utility adverse to such customer or adult occupant, may appeal the determination to the Commission in accordance with Rule Nos. 5 and 10 (including depositing the disputed amount with the Commission). Any such appeal of the disputed bill to the Commission shall be in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. Written documentation of an appeal filed and diligently pursued with the Commission will prevent discontinuation of residential water service during the official appeal process.

- e. Residential Health and Safety Exception.
 - 1. Service to a residential water customer will not be discontinued for nonpayment when such customer establishes to the satisfaction of the utility that <u>all</u> three of the following conditions are met:
 - (i) The residential customer submits certification from a primary care provider*, as defined by the Water Shutoff Protection Act, that discontinuation of residential water service will be life threatening to, or pose a serious threat to the health and safety of, a resident of the premises where residential service is provided;
 - *Proof must be by certification from any internist, general practitioner, obstetrician-gynecologist, pediatrician, family physician and surgeon, nonphysician medical practitioner, or primary care clinic, rural health clinic, community clinic or hospital outpatient clinic. A "nonphysician medical practitioner" means a physician assistant or certified nurse-midwife performing services under physician and surgeon supervision, or a nurse practitioner performing services in collaboration with a physician and surgeon. (See Section 14088(b)(1)(A) and (c) of the California Welfare and Institutions Code.
 - (ii) The residential customer demonstrates that she or he is financially unable to pay for residential service within the urban and community water system's normal billing cycle. The customer shall be deemed financially unable to pay for residential service within the urban and community water system's normal billing cycle if any member of the customer's household is a current recipient of CalWORKs, CalFresh, general assistance, Medi-Cal, Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment Program, or California Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children, or the customer declares that the household's annual income is less than 200 percent of the federal poverty level; and,

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Rule No. 11 <u>Discontinuance And Restoration Of Service</u>

- B. Discontinuance of Services by Utility (Continued)
 - 1. For Nonpayment of Bills (Continued)
 - e. Residential Health and Safety Exception. (Continued)
 - (iii) The residential customer is willing to enter into an amortization agreement, alternative payment schedule, or a plan for deferred or reduced payment consistent with the utility's written policy on discontinuance of service due to nonpayment of bills*.

*The written policy is available at https://www.gswater.com/policy-of-discontinuation/ (N)

- 2. If all three of the above conditions are met, the utility shall offer the customer one or more of the following options:
 - a. Amortization of the unpaid balance.
 - b. Participation in an alternative payment schedule.
 - c. A partial or full reduction of the unpaid balance financed without additional charges to other ratepayers.
 - d. Temporary deferral of payment.
- 3. The utility may choose which of the payment options the customer undertakes and may set the parameters of that payment option. The repayment option offered should result in repayment of any remaining outstanding balance within 12 months.
- 4. Notwithstanding the above, residential service may be discontinued to any customer meeting the conditions above who:
 - (i) Does not agree to or comply with an amortization agreement, an alternative payment schedule, or a plan for deferred or reduced payment after incurring delinquent charges for 60 days or more,

OR

(ii) After agreeing to an amortization agreement, an alternative payment schedule, or a plan for deferred or reduced payment for delinquent charges, the customer does not pay her or his current residential service charges for 60 days or more.

Notice of discontinuation for either of these reasons will be posted in a prominent and conspicuous location at the property no less than 5 business days before discontinuing such service, but such notice shall not entitle the customer to further investigation or alternative payment arrangements by the utility.

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Rule No. 11 Discontinuance And Restoration Of Service

- B. Discontinuance of Services by Utility (Continued)
 - 1. For Nonpayment of Bills (Continued)
 - f. Other Disconnection Terms

A customer's residential service may be discontinued for nonpayment of a bill for residential service previously rendered her or him at any location served by the utility.

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A nonresidential service may be discontinued for nonpayment of a bill for residential as well as nonresidential service previously rendered her or him at any location served by the utility.

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The discontinuance of service notice as set forth in subdivision (b) will be given in both cases stated above before discontinuance of service takes place.

Residential services will not, however, be discontinued for nonpayment of bills for separate nonresidential service.

g. Timing of Disconnection

Service will not be discontinued by reason of delinquency in payment for service on any Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday, or at any time during which the business offices of the utility are not open to the public. The utility will avoid disconnection of service on Fridays and a day prior to a holiday. The utility will inform customers of the option to reconnect during regular business hours to avoid the more costly fees associated with after-hours service.

- h. Where the owner, manager, or operator of the dwelling, structure, or park is listed by the utility as the customer of record, and water service is provided to residential occupants in a detached single-family dwelling, a multi-unit residential structure, mobilehome park, or permanent residential structure in a labor camp the utility will make every good faith effort to inform the residential occupants, by written notice in conformance with Rule No. 8.A.3.b.
 - (1) Where said occupants are individually metered.

The utility is not required to make service available to these occupants unless each user agrees to the terms and conditions of service and meets the requirement of the law and the utility's rules and tariffs.

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Rule No. 11 Discontinuance And Restoration Of Service

- B. Discontinuance of Services by Utility (Continued)
 - 1. For Nonpayment of Bills (Continued)

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However, if one or more occupants are willing and able to assume responsibility for subsequent charges by these occupants to the account to the satisfaction of the utility, or if there is a practical physical means, legally available to the utility of selectively providing services to these occupants who have met the requirements of the utility's rules and tariffs, the utility will make service available to these occupants.

For these selected occupants establishment of credit may be as prescribed in Rule No. 6, except that where prior service for a period of time is a condition for establishing credit with the utility, proof that is acceptable to the utility of residence and prompt payment of rent or other credit obligation during that period of time is a satisfactory equivalent.

(2) Where said occupants are master metered.

The utility is not required to make service available to these occupants unless each occupant agrees to the terms and conditions of service, and meets the requirements of the law and the utility's rules and tariffs and the following:

The same Rule 11, item B.1.h. (1) above which applies to individually metered occupants also applies to master metered occupants, except a representative may act on the behalf of a master metered occupant, and the utility will not discontinue service in any of the following situations:

- (a) During the pendency of an investigation by the utility of a master-meter customer dispute or complaint.
- (b) When the master-metered customer has been granted an extension of the period for repayment of a bill.
- (c) For an indebtedness owned by the master-metered customer to any other person or corporation or when the obligation represented by the delinquent account or any other indebtedness was incurred with a person or corporation other than the utility demanding payment therefor.
- (d) When a delinquent account relates to another property owned, managed, or operated by the master-metered customer.
- (e) When a public health or building officer certifies that discontinuance would result in a significant threat to the health or safety of the residential occupants or the public. Proof of age or disability are described in Rule No. 11.B.1.e.

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Rule No. 11 Discontinuance And Restoration Of Service

C. Restoration of Service (Continued)

5. Limits on Certain Reconnection Charges

For a residential customer who demonstrates household income below 200 percent of the federal poverty line (or is otherwise deemed by the Water Shutoff Protection Act as having a household income of below 200 percent of the federal poverty line), charges shall be limited as follows:

- (i) For reconnections during regular working hours, the lesser of the actual cost (as stated in Rule No. 11.C.1) or \$50.00; and
- (ii) For reconnections during other than regular working hours, the lesser of the actual cost (as stated in Rule No. 11.C.1) or \$150. The cap on these reconnection fees (\$50 and \$150, respectively) shall be subject to an annual adjustment for changes in the Consumer Price Index beginning January 1, 2021.

D. Refusal to Serve

1. Conditions for Refusal

The utility may refuse to serve an applicant for service under the following conditions:

- a. If the applicant fails to comply with any of the rules as filed with the Public Utilities Commission.
- b. If the intended use of the service is of such a nature that it will be detrimental or injurious to existing customers.
- c. If, in the judgment of the utility, the applicant's installation for utilizing the service is unsafe or hazardous, or of such nature that satisfactory service cannot be rendered.
- d. Where service has been discontinued for fraudulent use, the utility will not serve an applicant until it has determined that all conditions of fraudulent use or practice has been corrected.

2. Notification to Customers

When an applicant is refused service under the provisions of this rule, the utility will notify the applicant promptly of the reason for the refusal to service and of the right of applicant to appeal the utility's decision to the Public Utilities Commission.

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Rule No. 5 Special Information Required On Forms

A. Contracts

Each contract for service will contain substantially the following provisions:

1. Unless exempted by the Public Utilities Commission:

"This contract shall at all times be subject to such changes or modification by the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California as said Commission may, from time to time, direct in the exercise of its jurisdiction."

2. Unless otherwise not required by the Public Utilities Commission:

"It is the understanding of the parties to this contract that it shall not become effective until the authorization of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California has been first obtained."

B. Bill for Service

On each bill for service will be printed substantially the following language:

"This bill is due and payable upon date of presentation. It will become past due if not paid within 19 days from the date of mailing."

"If you believe there is an error on your bill or have a question about your service, please call Customer support at 800-999-4033. We welcome the opportunity to assist you.

If after contacting us, you are still not satisfied with the company's response, you may submit a complaint to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) by visiting http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/complaints/. Billing and service complaints are handled by the CPUC's Consumer Affairs Branch (CAB), which can be reached by the following means if you prefer not to Submit your complaint online:

Telephone: 1-800-649-7570 (8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday) **Mail:** California Public Utilities Commission, Consumer Affairs Branch,
505 Van Ness Avenue, 3rd Floor, San Francisco, CA 94102

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If you have limitations hearing or speaking, dial 711 to reach the California Relay Service, which is for those needing direct assistance relaying telephone conversations, as well their friends, family, and business contacts.

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B. Bill for Service (Continued)

If you prefer having your calls immediately answered in your mode of communication, dial on of the toll-free language-specific numbers below to be routed to the California Relay Service provider.

Type of Call	Language	Toll-free 800 Number
TTY/VCO/HCO to Voice	English	1-800-735-2929
111/ VCO/11CO to Voice	Spanish	1-800-855-3000
Voice to TTY/VCO/HCO	English	1-800-735-2922
Voice	Spanish	1-800-855-3000
From or to Speech-to-Speech	English Spanish	1-800-854-7784

To avoid having service turned off while you wait for the outcome of a complaint to the CPUC **specifically regarding the accuracy of your bill**, please contact CAB for assistance. If your case meets the eligibility criteria, CAB will provide you with instructions on how to mail a check or money order to be impounded pending resolution of your case. You must continue to pay your current charges while your complaint is under review to keep your service turned on. If bill becomes past due and nonpayment results with respect to this dispute, the rules for discontinuance of service due to nonpayment must be followed as set forth in Traiff Rule No. 11.B.1.



The Commission will not, however, accept deposits when the dispute appears to be over matters that do not directly relate to the accuracy of the bill. Such matters include the quality of a utility's service, general level of rates, pending rate applications and sources of fuel or power.

C. Discontinuance of Service for Nonpayment - Notice

Every written notice of discontinuance of service for non-payment of bills shall include all of the following information:

- 1. The name and address of the customer whose account is delinquent.
- 2. The amount of delinquency.
- 3. The date by which payment or arrangements for payment is required in order to avoid discontinuance.
- 4. A description of the process to apply for an extension of time to pay delinquent charges.

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- C. Discontinuance of Service for Nonpayment Notice (Continued)
 - 5. The procedure to petition for bill review and appeal to the Commission.
 - 6. The procedure by which the customer may request a deferred (paying at a later date), reduced, or some other alternative payment schedule, including an amortization (spreading payments out over an agreed upon period of time not to exceed 12 months) of the unpaid charges as set forth in Rule No. 11.B.1.e.
 - 7. The procedure for the customer to obtain information on the availability of financial assistance, including private, local, state, or federal sources, if applicable.
 - The name, address, and telephone number of a representative of the utility who can provide
 additional information and assist customers in continuing service or in making arrangements
 for payment.
 - 9. The telephone numbers of the Commission (Consumer Affairs Branch) (800) 649-7570 or the California Relay Service TTY (800) 735-2929/22 English or (800) 855-3000 Spanish or (800) 854-7784 English/Spanish Speech-to-Speech to which inquiries by the customer may be directed (as stated in Rule No. 5.B.).

Residential Customers. Where water service is provided to residential occupants in a detached single-family dwelling, multi-unit residential structure, mobilehome park, or permanent residential structures in a labor camp, where the owner, manager or operator is listed by the utility as the customer of record but is not the occupant, the notice of discontinuance shall further include:

- a. The date on which service will be discontinued.
- b. What the occupants are required to do in order to prevent the discontinuance or to reestablish service.
- c. The estimated monthly cost of service (where service is mater-meted).
- d. The address and telephone number of a legal services project, as defined in Section 6213 of the Business and Professions Code, which has been recommended by the local county bar association, which will assist the occupants (where service is mater-metered).

Rule 5.C.4 through 5.C.9 are also described in the written policy of discontinuance of service	(N)
due to nonpayment of bills which is available at https://www.gswater.com/policy-of-	
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Rule No. 8 Notices

A. Notice to Customers

1. In Writing

Notice to a customer will normally be in writing. Depending on the type of notice, written notice will either be delivered or mailed to the customer's last known address, except as otherwise specified by the utility's tariffs.

2. Exception

In emergencies or when circumstances warrant, the utility, where feasible, will endeavor to promptly notify the customer affected and may make such notification orally, either in person or by telephone.

- 3. Notice of Discontinuance of Service of Residential Water Service for Nonpayment
 - a. The utility shall contact the residential customer of record at least 7 business days prior to discontinuance by telephone or written notice. (T)
 - 1. Written notice shall be mailed to the address of the customer of residence to which the residential service is provided. If the customer's address is not the address of the property to which residential service is provided, the notice also shall be sent to the service address with "Occupant" as the addressee. The notice shall include the information prescribed in Rule No. 5. C.
 - 2. Telephone notice shall be to the customer named on the account. In providing such notice by telephone, the utility shall offer to: (i) provide customer with a written copy of the utility's policy on discontinuation of service due to nonpayment; and (ii) discuss options available to customer to avert discontinuance including alternative payment schedules, deferred payments, minimum payments, procedures for requesting amortization of the unpaid balance, and procedures to petition for bill review and appeal.
 - 3. If the utility is unable to make contact with the customer or an adult occupying the residence by telephone, and written notice is returned as undeliverable, the utility will make a good faith effort to visit the residence and leave (or make other arrangements for placement in a conspicuous place) a notice as prescribed herein, along with a written copy of the utility's policy on discontinuation of service for nonpayment.

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- A. Notice to Customers (Continued)
- 3. Notice of Discontinuance of Service of Residential Water Service for Nonpayment
 - b. The utility shall contact the residential occupants of a detached single-family dwelling, multiunit residential structure, mobilehome park, or permanent residential structures in a labor camp, where the owner, manager, or operator is listed by the utility as the customer of record, as follows:
 - 1. Where individually metered water service is provided, the utility will make every good faith effort to inform the occupants by means of a notice at least 10 days prior to any discontinuance, when the account is in arrears, that service will be discontinued. In addition to including the information prescribed in Rule No. 5, the notice will inform the occupants that, if the utility's verification and other requirements are met, they have the right to become a customer, to whom the service will then be billed, without being required to pay any amount which may be due to the delinquent account.
 - 2. Where master metered service is provided, the written notice will be at least 15 days prior to discontinuance or service. The notice will be posted on the door of each residential unit. If it is not reasonable or practical to post the notice on the door of each residential unit, the utility will post two copies of the notice in each accessible common area and at each point of access to the structure or structures.
 - 3. Notice to occupants shall be independent of, and in addition to, other notice(s) as may be prescribed in the utility's tariffs.
 - c. All notices of discontinuance for nonpayment relating to residential services will be in English, the languages listed in Section 1632 of the Civil Code (Spanish, Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, Tagalog), and any other language spoken by 10 percent or more of the customers in the utility's service area. The notice will include the information prescribed in Rule No. 5.C.
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- d. Procedures for the discontinuance and restoration of service are specified in Rule No. 11.
- 4. Notice of Discontinuance of All Other Services (Nonresidential) for Nonpayment

The utility shall make a reasonable attempt to contact: (i) the customer of record by mailing a separate notice at least 10 days prior to discontinuance, or (ii) an adult person on the customer's premises by telephone or in person at least 24 hours prior to any discontinuance.

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VERIFICATION

I am Vice President of Regulatory Affairs for, and an officer of, Golden State Water Company ("GSWC"), and am authorized to make this verification on its behalf with respect to GCWC's written policy on discontinuation of residential service for nonpayment.

I verify that GSWC's written policy pertaining to the Water Shutoff Protection Act complies with the provisions thereof. The foregoing statement is true of my own knowledge.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on this 3nd day of April 2020, at San Dimas, California.

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