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NOTIFICATION OF ADVICE LETTER

GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY'S FILING TO ACQUIRE SUTTER COUNTY'S ROBBINS WATER SYSTEM (ADVICE LETTER NO. 1818-W)

Why am I receiving this notice?

On May 27, 2020, Golden State Water Company (Golden State) filed Advice Letter No. 1818-W with the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) regarding the acquisition of Sutter County Water Works District No. 1's (WWD1) Robbins Water System (Robbins)¹.

The following are proposed in Advice Letter No. 1818-W:

- (1) Golden State will provide service and water supply for Robbins customers;
- (2) Robbins will be served through Golden State's Arden-Cordova Customer Service Area (CSA),
- (3) The water rates Robbins customers currently pay will remain in effect for 12 months after the acquisition, then rates will be adjusted to be consistent with the Arden-Cordova CSA's metered rates;
- (4) Approval to construct the needed infrastructure investments to improve water quality and supply reliability for Robbins customers;
- (5) Funding from grants for infrastructure improvements and establish tracking accounts for unanticipated repair costs, tax liabilities and expenses.

In addition, Robbins customers will benefit from:

- (1) Golden State's 24-hour Customer Call Center and MyGSWater website portal allow customers to manage their accounts from the convenience and safety of their home or business. Golden State also provides customers with information and resources via a website, Facebook, and Twitter.
- (2) Golden State's technical, financial, and managerial resources to maintain the local water system reliability and ensure water quality meets federal and state drinking water standards.
- (3) There will be no noticeable impact to water service during the transition and service will continue without interruption.

Rate Impact

Robbins residential customers who use 14 Ccf (10,472 gallons) each month will see a bill **decrease of approximately \$15.71** when they are transitioned to metered service, based on Arden Cordova's current rates.

Copies of the current and proposed tariff sheets can be found in Exhibit 4 of Advice Letter No. 1818-W.

How does the rest of this process work?

This advice letter will be reviewed by staff in the Water Division of the CPUC. They will determine if the request is reasonable, propose any necessary modifications, and put together a resolution regarding the request.

Protests and Responses to Advice Letter No. 1818-W

Anyone may respond to or protest this advice letter. The deadline to do so is within 20 calendar days from the filing date, **or no later than July 9, 2020**. A protest must set forth the specific grounds on which it is based. These grounds are:

¹ The purchase agreement between Golden State and WWD1 was established on March 14, 2011 and was adopted in Commission Decision No. 14-06-051 (A.08-08-022 Settlement Agreement).

- (1) The utility did not properly serve or give notice of the advice letter;
- (2) The relief requested in the advice letter would violate statute or CPUC order, or is not authorized by statute or CPUC order on which the utility relies;
- (3) The analysis, calculations, or data in the advice letter contain material error or omissions;
- (4) The relief requested in the advice letter is pending before the CPUC in a formal proceeding; or
- (5) The relief requested in the advice letter requires consideration in a formal application filing or formal hearing before the CPUC, or is otherwise inappropriate for the advice letter process; or
- (6) The relief requested in the advice letter 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 shall provide citations or proofs where available to allow staff to properly consider the protest. The address for mailing (or e-mailing) a protest/response is:

California Public Utilities Commission,
Division of Water Audits
505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102
E-mail: water_division@cpuc.ca.gov

On the same date the response or protest is submitted to the Water Division, the respondent or protestant shall send a copy by mail (or e-mail) to Golden State Water Company at the following address:

Golden State Water Company
ATTN: Ronald Moore
630 East Foothill Blvd.
San Dimas, CA 91773
E-mail: regulatoryaffairs@gswater.com

To obtain a copy of the advice letter

If you need additional information, or would like a copy of Advice Letter No. 1818-W, you may visit our website at www.gswater.com or 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.

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