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NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Liberty Utilities (Apple Valley Ranchos Water) Corp.'s Request to Increase Water Rates APPLICATION 24-01-003

Why am I receiving this notice?

On January 2, 2024, Liberty Utilities (Apple Valley Ranchos Water) Corp. (Liberty Apple Valley) filed its General Rate Case (GRC) Application with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). The application filing by Liberty Apple Valley requests to increase rates over a three-year period, covering the years 2025 through 2027. This request to increase rates would be effective beginning July 1, 2025.

Why is Liberty Apple Valley requesting this rate increase?

The CPUC requires Liberty Apple Valley to submit a GRC application every three years. Liberty Apple Valley is requesting authorization to increase revenues by \$3,105,867 (or 10.14%) for 2025, \$2,139,978 (or 6.31%) in 2026, and \$2,238,205 (or 6.18%) in 2027. The total requested increase for all three years combined would be \$7,484,050 (or 22.63%).

The requested increase in this GRC will allow Liberty Apple Valley to cover its anticipated costs from 2025 through 2027 for improvements to the water supply system, production expenses, property taxes, depreciation expenses, other operations expenses, and allocated general office expenses.

How could this affect my monthly water rates?

If the proposed application is approved by the CPUC, the average residential customer with a $5/8 \times \frac{3}{4}$ " meter using 12 Ccf (1 Ccf = 748 gallons) would see a monthly bill increase of \$11.25 (or 13.32%) from \$84.44 to \$95.69 in 2025, \$5.96 (or 6.23%), from \$95.69 to \$101.65 in 2026, and \$6.49 (or 6.38%), from \$101.65 to \$108.14 in 2027 (excluding any applicable taxes and surcharges).

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	2024	2025	2025	2026	2026	2027	2027						
	(Current)	(Proposed)	(Decrease)	(Proposed)	(Increase)	(Proposed)	(Increase)						
5/8	\$37.35	\$30.09	(19.44%)	\$31.95	6.18%	\$33.97	6.32%						
3⁄4	\$56.03	\$45.14	(19.44%)	\$47.93	6.18%	\$50.96	6.32%						
1	\$93.38	\$75.23	(19.44%)	\$79.88	6.18%	\$84.93	6.32%						
1 1/2	\$186.75	\$150.45	(19.44%)	\$159.75	6.18%	\$169.85	6.32%						
2	\$298.80	\$240.72	(19.44%)	\$255.60	6.18%	\$271.76	6.32%						
3	\$560.25	\$451.35	(19.44%)	\$479.25	6.18%	\$509.55	6.32%						
4	\$933.75	\$752.25	(19.44%)	\$798.75	6.18%	\$849.25	6.32%						
6	\$1,867.50	\$1,504.50	(19.44%)	\$1,597.50	6.18%	\$1,698.50	6.32%						
8	\$2,988.00	\$2,407.20	(19.44%)	\$2,556.00	6.18%	\$2,717.60	6.32%						
10	\$4,295.25	\$3,460.35	(19.44%)	\$3,674.25	6.18%	\$3,906.55	6.32%						

Monthly Meter Service Charge Schedule

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Residential Customer	Rates Proposed in Application							
Usage	Current	2025	2025	2026	2026	2027	2027	
	Rates	Rates	Increase	Rates	Increase	Rates	Increase	
0 to 6 Ccf	\$3.364	\$5.327	58.35%	\$5.659	6.24%	\$6.022	6.41%	
7 to 26 Ccf	\$4.485	\$5.607	25.02%	\$5.957	6.24%	\$6.339	6.41%	
Over 26 Ccf	\$7.759	\$9.252	19.24%	\$9.829	6.24%	\$10.459	6.41%	
Other Customers:	\$4.485	\$5.607	25.02%	\$5.957	6.24%	\$6.339	6.41%	
(Business, Industrial,								
Public Authority)								
Gravity Irrigation	\$0.627	\$0.656	4.63%	\$0.762	16.16%	\$0.790	3.67%	

Commodity Rate Schedule

How does the rest of this process work?

This application will be assigned to a CPUC Administrative Law Judge who will consider proposals and evidence presented during the formal hearing process. The Administrative Law Judge will issue a proposed decision that may adopt Liberty Apple Valley's application, modify it, or deny it. Any CPUC Commissioner may sponsor an alternate decision with a different outcome. The proposed decision, and any alternate decisions, will be discussed and voted upon by the CPUC Commissioners at a public CPUC Voting Meeting.

Parties to the proceeding may review Liberty Apple Valley's application, including the Public Advocates Office, which is an independent consumer advocate within the CPUC that represents customers to obtain the lowest possible rate for service consistent with reliable and safe service levels. For more information regarding the Public Advocates Office, please call 1-415-703-1584, email PublicAdvocatesOffice@cpuc.ca.gov, or visit PublicAdvocates.cpuc.ca.gov.

Where can I get more information? Contact Liberty Apple Valley

Phone:**1-800-481-9190**Email:DLCAAVRCustomerService@libertyutilities.comMail:Liberty Utilities (Apple Valley Ranchos Water) Corp.
Attention: Regulatory Department
21760 Ottawa Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308

A copy of the Application and any related documents may also be reviewed at <u>www.libertyutilities.com/2025avgrc/</u>

Contact CPUC

Please visit **apps.cpuc.ca.gov/c/A2401003** to submit a comment about this proceeding on the CPUC Docket Card. You can also view documents and other public comments related to this rate request.

If you have questions about CPUC processes, you may contact the CPUC's Public Advisor's Office at:

Phone: 1-866-849-8390 Email: Public.Advisor@cpuc.ca.gov Mail: CPUC Public Advisor's Office 505 Van Ness Avenue San Francisco, CA 94102

Please reference **Application A.24-01-003** in any communications you have with the CPUC regarding this matter.