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June 2, 2017

Edward N. Jackson Director of Revenue Requirements Liberty Utilities(Apple Valley Ranchos Water) Corp. PO Box 7005 Apple Valley, CA 92307

Dear Mr. Jackson,

The Commission has approved Liberty Utilities' Advice Letter No.225-W, filed on May 25,2017, regarding the update to the eligibility income guidelines for the CARW program

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

<u>Title of Sheet</u>
California Alternative Rate for Water Application
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Please contact Carmen Rocha at (415) 703-2162 if you have any questions.

Thank you,

/s/SREEJA MELUVEETTIL

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CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION DIVISION OF WATER AND AUDITS

Advice Letter Cover Sheet

Liberty Utilities **Utility Name:** (Apple Valley Ranchos Water) Corp. Date Mailed to Service List: May 25, 2017 District: N/A CPUC Utility #: U-346-W Protest Deadline (20th Day): June 14, 2017 Advice Letter #: 225-W Review Deadline (30th Day): June 24, 2017 Tier ⊠1 □2 □3 Requested Effective Date: June 1, 2017 **Energy Division Letter** Authorization dated 3/1/17 Rate Impact: \$ N/A % N/A Description: Liberty Apple Valley submits this advice letter to update the eligibility income guidelines in its rate assistance program for low-income customers, also known as the California Alternative Rates for Water ("CARW") program. The protest or response deadline for this advice letter is 20 days from the date that this advice letter was mailed to the service list. Please see the "Response or Protest" section in the advice letter for more information. Utility Contact: Edward N. Jackson Utility Contact: Ellen M. Zimbalist Phone: 562.923.0711, ext. 1212 Phone: 562.923.0711, ext. 1208 Email: Edward.Jackson@libertyutilities.com Email: Ellen.Zimbalist@Libertyutilities.com DWA Contact: Tariff Unit Phone: (415) 703-1133 Email: Water Division@cpuc.ca.gov **DWA USE ONLY** DATE COMMENTS STAFF [] APPROVED [] WITHDRAWN [] REJECTED Signature:

Date:



Advice Letter No. 225-W

May 25, 2017

TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Liberty Utilities (Apple Valley Ranchos Water) Corp. (U 346 W) ("Liberty Apple Valley") hereby transmits the following revised tariff sheets applicable to water service in its service territory:

Calif. P.U.C. Sheet No.	Title of Sheet	Schedule Number	Canceling Sheet No.
948-W	California Alternative Rates for Water Application	Form 13	920-W
949-W	Table of Contents, page 2		921-W
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Summary

Liberty Apple Valley submits this advice letter to update the eligibility income guidelines in its rate assistance program for low-income customers, also known as the California Alternative Rates for Water ("CARW") program. The CARW eligibility guidelines are patterned after those established in the California Alternate Rates for Energy ("CARE") program for energy utilities. When approved, this filing will increase the eligibility income levels in Liberty Apple Valley's CARW program to match eligibility income guidelines in the energy utilities CARE program.

Background

On December 15, 2005, the California Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") issued Decision 05-12-020 granting Liberty Apple Valley authority to establish its CARW program. The CARW program consists of an \$8.38 per month service charge discount for customers who meet income eligibility requirements. The eligibility income guidelines are revised annually by the Commission and are effective each June 1st. On March 1, 2017, the Commission established the 2017/2018 eligibility income guidelines, effective June 1, 2017. This advice letter is being filed to reflect the updated eligibility income guidelines on Liberty Apple Valley's CARW tariffs.

Compliance

Liberty Apple Valley has revised its Form No. 13 to reflect the annual increase to eligibility income. The table below shows the increase to each level of the eligibility income.

Maximum Household Income				
Number of Persons Total Combined				
in Household	Yearly Income			
1-2	\$ 32,480			
3	\$ 40,840			
4	\$ 49,200			
5	\$ 57,560			
6	\$ 65,920			
7	\$ 74,280			
8	\$ 82,640			
Add \$ 8,360 for each additional person				

Tier Designation

Pursuant to D.07-01-024, this advice letter is submitted with Tier 1 designation.

Effective Date

Pursuant to Resolution E-3524 adopted February 19, 1998, Liberty Apple Valley respectfully requests approval of this advice letter allowing these tariffs to become effective June 1, 2017.

Notice and Service

This advice letter does not seek to increase any rate or charge. Therefore, customer notice is unnecessary. In accordance with General Order 96-B, General Rule 4.3 and 7.2 and Water Industry Rule 4.1, a copy of this advice letter will be mailed or electronically transmitted on May 25, 2017 to competing and adjacent utilities and other utilities or interested parties.

Response or Protest

Anyone may respond to or protest this advice letter. 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 advice letter 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 advice letter;
- (2) The relief requested in the advice letter 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 advice letter contain material error or omissions;
- (4) The relief requested in the advice letter is pending before the Commission in a formal proceeding; or

- (5) The relief requested in the advice letter requires consideration in a formal hearing, 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.

A response or protest must be made in writing or by electronic mail and must be received by the Water Division within 20 days of the date this advice letter is filed. The address for mailing or delivering a protest is:

Tariff Unit
Division of Water and Audits, 3rd Floor
California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102
water division@cpuc.ca.gov

On the same date the response or protest is submitted to the Division of Water and Audits, the respondent or protestant shall send a copy by mail (or e-mail) to us, addressed to:

Edward Jackson Director, Rates and Regulatory Affairs Liberty Utilities (California) 9750 Washburn Road P. O. Box 7002 Downey, CA 90241

Fax: (562) 861-5902

E-Mail: <u>DLCADowneyRegulatoryAffairs@libertyutilities.com</u>

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.

If you have not received a reply to your protest within 10 business days, contact Edward Jackson at (562) 923-0711, ext. 1212.

Very truly yours,

LIBERTY UTILITIES (APPLE VALLEY RANCHOS WATER) CORP.

/s/ Edward N. Jackson

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Enclosure

LIBERTY UTILITIES (APPLE VALLEY RANCHOS WATER) CORP.		REVISED	Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.	948-W
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Dear Customer:

Liberty Utilities is proud to serve Apple Valley with safe, reliable water service. We have a great team of experts with a proven track record of providing utility services throughout the country. As your new provider, we look forward to meeting you, investing in the community and ensuring you receive exceptional water service now and for generations to come.

We are writing to let you know about a program we provide to customers who may be having difficulty covering monthly household expenses. A monthly bill credit is available to low-income customers who qualify for the California Alternative Rates for Water (CARW) program, and eligible customers could receive a \$8.38 monthly bill credit (\$16.76 bi-monthly) for their primary residence.

We encourage customers to review the program qualifications on the enclosed application. If you think you may qualify for the CARW program, please complete and submit the application form by mail or at our local office. Discounts will be applied to qualified customers upon verification and approval by Liberty Utilities.

Please don't hesitate to call us at 1.800.481.9190 or 760.247.6484 if you have questions about the CARW program or need assistance completing application. We are honored to be your water provider.

Thank you.

Estimado Cliente:

Liberty Utilities se enorgullece de servir con Apple Valley, servicio de agua seguro y confiable. Tenemos un gran equipo de expertos con un historial probado de proporcionar los servicios públicos en todo el país. A medida que su nuevo proveedor, esperamos contar con su presencia, la inversión en la comunidad y asegurar que reciba un servicio excepcional de agua y para las generaciones venideras.

Le escribimos para hacerle saber acerca de un programa que proporcionamos a los clientes que pueden estar teniendo dificultades para cubrir los gastos mensuales del hogar. Un crédito de factura mensual está disponible para clientes de bajos ingresos que califican para las tarifas de California alternativos programa de Agua (CARW), y los clientes elegibles podrían recibir un crédito de factura mensual \$8.38 (\$16.76 cada dos meses) para su residencia principal.

Recomendamos a los clientes para revisar los requisitos del programa en la solicitud adjunta. Si usted cree que puede calificar para el programa CARW, por favor completar y enviar el formulario de solicitud por correo o en nuestra oficina local. Los descuentos serán aplicados a los clientes cualificados, previa verificación y aprobación por parte de la Liberty Utilities.

Por favor, no dude en llamarnos al 1.800.481.9190 o 760.247.6484 si tiene preguntas sobre el programa CARW o necesita ayuda para completar la aplicación. Tenemos el honor de ser su proveedor de aqua.

Gracias.

Don't Let Our Community Get Tapped Out!

Water is essential to everything that's living, and we must be smart about how we use it. There is no shortage of ways that you can make a difference, and Liberty Utilities is here to help. Please don't use more than you need.

Our Programs Include:

- No-cost water audits. A member of our conservation team will help identify ways you can reduce water use, check for leaks and recommend adjustments to sprinklers and watering schedules. In many cases, we provide no-cost replacement sprinkler devices.
- No-cost conservation tools such as faucet aerators, shut-off nozzles and shower timers.

We're Here to Help

For more information on mandatory water use restrictions, rebates and our conservation programs, visit www.libertyutilities.com or call us at (760) 247-6484. Pick up free water-saving devices by visiting our office at 21760 Ottawa Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308.

Help us meet our state-mandated water use reduction goal of 24% and ensure a reliable water supply for the future.

Please hand deliver your completed application to the office or mail your application to:

Entregue su solicitud completada en, o envíela por correo a:

Liberty Utilities Customer Service Department

21760 Ottawa Road P.O. Box 7005 Apple Valley, CA 92307



Liberty Utilities[®]

CARW

Low Income Rate Ratepayer Assistance

Save \$8.38 /Month

SEE IF YOU QUALIFY TODAY!

CALIFORNIA
ALTERNATIVE
RATES FOR WATER

(CARW) - RATE DISCOUNT APPLICATION INSIDE

TARIFAS ALTERNAS PARA

AGUA DE CALIFORNIA

(CARW) - DESCUENTO ENSU TARIFA DEAGUA SOLICITUD ADENTRO

California Alternative Rates for Water (CARW) Application Solicitud para el Programa de Tarifas Alternas para Agua en California (CARW)

Account Number (Numero de cuenta)

Customer Number (Numero de cliente)

Conditions for	•
Participation	

- 1. The water bill is in your name.
- 2. You may not be claimed on another person's income tax return other than your spouse.
- 3. Your total yearly household income 3. (the income or aid received by all persons living in your home)-before deductions- is no more than the income level shown to the right.
- 4. You may be asked to verify your income. If you do not reply or are found not eligible, you may receive corrected billings.
- 5. You will be reminded to renew your application every two years.
- I am a residential customer with a 1

Condiciones para participar

- 1. La factura de agua esta a su nombre.
- 2. No puede aparecer como dependiente en la declaración de impuestos de otra persona que no sea su cónyuge.
- El ingreso annual total de su hogar (el ingreso o ayuda recibido por todas las personas que viven en su hogar)- antes de deducciones no sobrepasa el nivel de ingresos mostrados a su derecha.
- Se le puede pedir que verifique su ingreso. Si no responde o si no es considerado elegible, podria recibir cuentas corregidas.
- Se le recordara que renueve su solicitud cada dos años.
- 6. Soy un cliente residencial con un con-

Maximum Household Income Ingreso Máximo en el Hogar

Number of Persons Total Combined Yearly

in Household Income Número de Personas Ingreso Total Annual cominado en el Hogar \$32,480 3 \$40,840 \$49,200 5 \$57,560 6 \$65,920 7 \$74,280 8 \$82,640

Add \$8,360 for each additional person. Añada \$8,360 por cada personal adicional.

	inch or smaller water meter.	tador de agua de 1 purgada c	menos.	
1.	I currently participate in the	e following program(s): Actualmente	participo en el siguiente progra	ma(s):
	□ Southern California Edison ((□ Medi-Cal/Medicaid □ Food Stamps/SNAP □ TANF/Tribal TANF	C.A.R.E.) Southwest Gas Compan WIC Healthy Families A & B LIHEAP	□ SSI	
2.	Check the total number of p	persons in your household. Marque el	nûmero de personas que viven	en su hogar.
	□ One/Uno (1) □ Two/Do □ More than Six/Más de Seis (6 Number/Número_	5+), +	ur/Cuatro (4)	
3.	Write the total yearly house	chold income for all persons in your ho		deductions from all sources:
		nnual de su hogar de todas las person es de cualesquier deducciones:	as que viven en su hogar: y de	todas fuentes de ingreso.
1.	Check all sources of income	for your household:		
	□ Wages or Salaries Interest or Dividends from: □ Savings Account □ Stocks or Bonds □ Retirement Accounts	 □ Unemployment Benefits □ Rental or Royalty Income □ Scholarships, Grants, or other □ Aid Used for Living Expenses □ Profit from Self-Employment (IRS) 	□ Disability Payments □ Workers Compensation □ Social Security, SSI, SSP □ Pensions □ Insurance Settlements	☐ TANF (AFDC) ☐ Food Stamps ☐ Child Support ☐ Cash and/or Other Income ☐ Spousal Support
	Marque todas las Fuentes d	e ingresos de su hogar:		
	□ Sueldos Interés o Dividendos de: □ Cuentas de Ahorros □ Acciones o Bonos □ Cuentas de Jubilación	 □ Beneficios de desempleo □ Ingresos de alquiler o regalias □ Becas, subvenciones, u otro ayuda usada para sufragar el costo de vida □ Ganancias de autoempleo (Forma 1040, table C Linea 29 del IRS) 	□ Pagos de discapacitación □ Compensación al trabajador □ Seguro Social, SSI, SSP □ Pensiones □ Indemnizaciones de seguro □ Indemnizaciones legales	□ TANF (AFDC) □ Estampillas de comida □ Apoyo para los niños □ Dinero en efectivo y/u otros ingresos □ Apoyo de conyuge
5.	provide proof of income if as any discount without qualify	sked. I agree to inform Liberty Utilities	if I no longer qualify to receive ck the discount that I received.	plication is true and correct. I agree to e the discount. I know that if I receive I understand that Liberty Utilities can is.
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Date/Fecha Signature/Firma Print Name/Nombre en letra de molde City/Ciudad Address/Dirección

email address Phone/Teléfono

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