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Advice Letter No. 240-W

April 22, 2020

**TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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

| <b>CPUC<br/>Sheet No.</b> | <b>Title of Sheet</b>                              | <b>Schedule<br/>Number</b> | <b>Canceling<br/>Sheet No.</b> |
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| 1025-W                    | California Alternative Rates for Water Application | FORM 13                    | 986-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 the guidelines 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 the 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 1<sup>st</sup>. On March 1, 2020, the Commission established the 2020/2021 eligibility income guidelines, effective June 1, 2020. 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.

**Table 1**

| Maximum Household Income          |                                 |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Number of Persons<br>in Household | Total Combined<br>Yearly Income |
| 1-2                               | \$ 34,480                       |
| 3                                 | \$ 43,440                       |
| 4                                 | \$ 52,400                       |
| 5                                 | \$ 61,360                       |
| 6                                 | \$ 70,320                       |
| 7                                 | \$ 79,280                       |
| 8                                 | \$ 88,240                       |

Add \$ 8,960 for each additional person  
Upper Limit Calculation=200% of Federal Poverty Guidelines.

**Tier Designation**

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

**Requested 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, 2020.

**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 April 22, 2020 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 relitigating 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 Division of Water and Audits within 20 days of the date this advice letter is filed. The address for mailing or delivering a protest is:

Tariff Unit, Water Division, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
California Public Utilities Commission  
505 Van Ness Avenue, Third Floor  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
[water.division@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto: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 us, addressed to:

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Director, Rates and Regulatory Affairs  
Liberty Utilities (California)  
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E-Mail: [AdviceLetterService@LibertyUtilities.com](mailto:AdviceLetterService@LibertyUtilities.com)

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

Very truly yours,

LIBERTY UTILITIES (APPLE VALLEY RANCHOS WATER) CORP.

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REVISED Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No. 1025-W  
Canceling REVISED Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No. 986-W

**Form No. 13**  
**Liberty Utilities (Apple Valley Ranchos Water) Corp.**  
**Notice and Application for**  
**California Alternative Rates for Water (CARW) Program**

(To be inserted by Utility)

(To be inserted by Cal. P.U.C.)

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# Para nuestros vecinos que tal vez necesiten ayuda, Liberty Utilities tiene el orgullo de ofrecer el Programa de Tarifas Alternas para Agua en California (CARW).

CARW es un programa de asistencia tarifaria para clientes de bajos ingresos que ofrece un descuento mensual de **\$8.38** en la factura de agua a los clientes residenciales que cumplen con los requisitos.

Hay dos formas de tener derecho a CARW:

- Si participa en un programa de asistencia para clientes de bajos ingresos de otra empresa de servicios públicos (como CARE de Southern California Gas Company) o si recibe beneficios de programas como Medicare, Medi-Cal y otros.
- Si proporciona información de que el ingreso en el hogar cumple con los lineamientos del programa.

Inscribirse es rápido y fácil. Sólo llene el formulario de solicitud adjunto y tráigalo personalmente a nuestra oficina o envíelo por correo.



Tiene alguna pregunta sobre CARW?  
Llame a la oficina de Servicio al Cliente al 760-257-6484  
O visite libertyutilities.com

## COMO PUEDE CALIFICAR

1

**PROGRAMAS DE ASISTENCIA PUBLICA**  
Si usted u otra persona que vive en su hogar recibe beneficios de cualquiera de los siguientes programas:

- Medi-Cal/Medicaid
- Healthy Families Categories A & B
- Women, Infants & Children (WIC)
- CalWORKS (TANF) or Tribal TANF
- Head Start Income Eligible-Solamente Tribal
- Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance (BIA GA)
- CalFresh/SNAP (Estampillas para comida)
- National School Lunch Program (NSLP)
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

o

2

**INGRESO MÁXIMO EN EL HOGAR:**  
(En vigor del 1 de junio de 2020 a el 31 de mayo 2021)

| Número de personas en el hogar | Ingreso total anual* |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1-2                            | \$34,480             |
| 3                              | \$43,440             |
| 4                              | \$52,400             |
| 5                              | \$61,360             |
| 6                              | \$70,320             |
| 7                              | \$79,280             |
| 8                              | \$88,240             |

Por cada miembro adicional en el hogar, añada \$8,960  
\*Incluye los ingresos actuales del hogar de todas las fuentes de ingreso antes de deducciones.

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21760 Ottawa Rd.  
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## Solicitud para El Programa de Tarifas Alternas para Agua en California (CARW)

Número de cuenta \_\_\_\_\_

Número de cliente \_\_\_\_\_

- Actualmente participo en el siguiente programa(s):  
 Southern California Edison (C.A.R.E.)     Southern California Gas Company (C.A.R.E.)     SSI  
 Medi-Cal/Medicaid     WIC     National School Lunch (NSLP)  
 CalFresh/SNAP     Healthy Families A&B     Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance  
 TANF/Tribal TANF     LIHEAP     Head Start Income Eligible (Tribal Only)
- Marque el número de personas que viven en su hogar:  
 Uno (1)     Dos (2)     Tres (3)     Cuatro (4)     Cinco (5)     Seis (6)  
 Más de Seis (6+),     Niños     Adultos  
 Número    +        =        Número Total
- Escriba el total del ingreso familiar anual para todas las personas en su hogar.  
 Este es el ingreso antes de las deducciones de todas las fuentes:    \$
- Marque todas las fuentes de ingresos de su hogar:  
 Sueldos     Beneficios de desempleo     Pagos de discapacidad     CalWORKs (TANF/AFDC)  
 Interés o Dividendos de:     Ingresos de alquiler o regalías     Compensación al trabajador     CalFresh/SNAP  
 Cuentas de Ahorros     Becas, subvenciones, u otra ayuda     Seguro Social, SSI, SSP     Apoyo para los niños  
 Acciones o Bonos     Usada para sufragar el costo de vida     Pensiones     Dinero en efectivo y/u otros ingresos  
 Cuentas de Jubilación     Ganancias de autoempleo (Forma 1040, tabla C Línea 29 del IRS)     Indemnizaciones de seguro     Apoyo de cónyuge  
 Indemnizaciones legales

**5. Declaración y afirmación de autocertificación:** Yo declaro que la información precista en esta solicitud es verdadera y correcta. Estoy de acuerdo con proveer comprobantes de mis ingresos si me lo piden. Si en algún momento no califico para recibir el descuento, notificaré a Liberty Utilities. Si ya no califico pero sigo recibiendo el descuento, tal vez tendré que pagar la cantidad del descuento que recibí. Entiendo que Liberty Utilities puede compartir mi informacion con otras compañías de servicios públicos o sus representantes, para registrarme en sus programas de asistencia.

Firma \_\_\_\_\_

Nombre en letra de molde \_\_\_\_\_

Fecha \_\_\_\_\_

Dirección \_\_\_\_\_

Ciudad \_\_\_\_\_

Teléfono \_\_\_\_\_

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## Need a Helping Hand? The California Alternate Rates for Water Program

See if Your Household Qualifies



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