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April 6, 2023

Tiffany Thong
 Manager, Rates and Regulatory Affairs
 Liberty Utilities (Apple Valley Ranchos Water) Corp.
 21760 Ottawa Road
 Apple Valley, CA 92308-6533

Dear Ms. Thong,

The Water Division of the California Public Utilities Commission has approved Liberty Utilities' (Apple Valley Ranchos Water) Advice Letter No. 269-A, (Supplement to Advice Letter No. 269), filed on March 21, 2023, regarding implement rates as authorized by the Commission in D.23-02-003.

Enclosed are copies of the following revised tariff Pages, effective April 7, 2023, for the utility's files:

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**CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
DIVISION OF WATER AND AUDITS**

Advice Letter Cover Sheet

Utility Name: Liberty Utilities
(Apple Valley Ranchos Water) Corp. **Date Mailed to Service List:** March 21, 2023

District: N/A

CPUC Utility #: U 346-W **Protest Deadline (20th Day):** March 9, 2023

Advice Letter #: 269-W-A **Review Deadline (30th Day):** March 20, 2023

Tier ☒ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☒ Compliance **Requested Effective Date:** April 7, 2023

Authorization D.23-02-003 **Rate Impact:** \$1,493,533
5.7%

Description: Liberty Apple Valley submits this advice letter
to implement rates as authorized by the
Commission in D.23-02-003.

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.

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Signature: _____

Comments: _____

Date: _____



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Advice Letter No. 269-W-A

March 21, 2023

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 attached revised tariff sheets applicable to water service in its service territory.

Pursuant to discussions with the Water Division, this supplemental filing is being made to revise the effective date of the advice letter from March 20, 2023 to April 7, 2023. This supplemental filing will replace Advice Letter 269-W in its entirety.

Summary

These tariffs are submitted as authorized by Ordering Paragraph No. 1 of Decision (“D”) 23-02-003, dated February 2, 2023.

Background and Discussion

Liberty Apple Valley is filing this advice letter to implement rates for 2022 as set out in Appendix E of D.23-02-003. Pursuant to the settlement agreement between Liberty Apple Valley and the Public Advocates Office contained in Exhibit JOINT-19 of Liberty’s Opening Brief authorized by D.23-02-003, Ordering Paragraph 4, Liberty Apple Valley is updating its Preliminary Statements to reflect the establishment of the Monterey Water Adjustment Mechanism (“MWRAM”) Balancing Account and Incremental Cost Balancing Account (“ICBA”).

Effective Date

The effective date of these tariffs sheets shall be April 7, 2023. These tariff sheets are to be approved by the Commission’s Water Division. This filing complies with General Order 96-B.

Tier Designation

In accordance with General Order 96-B, Water Industry Rule 7.3.1, this advice letter is submitted with a Tier 1 designation.

Notice and Service

In accordance with General Order 96-B, General Rules 4.3 and 7.2, and Water Industry Rule 4.1, a copy of this advice letter will be electronically transmitted on March 20, 2023 to competing and adjacent utilities and other utilities or interested parties having requested such notification. Pursuant to Water Industry Rule 3.2 of General Order 96-B, public notice is not required.

Response or Protest

Anyone may respond to or protest this advice letter. 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 upon 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;
- (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, Water Division, 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 Water Division, the respondent or protestant shall send a copy by mail (or e-mail) to Liberty Apple Valley, addressed to:

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Liberty Utilities (California)
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Downey, CA 90241
Phone: (562) 923.0711
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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 Tiffany Thong at Tiffany.Thong@libertyutilities.com.

Sincerely,

LIBERTY UTILITIES (APPLE VALLEY RANCHOS WATER) CORP.

/s/ Tiffany Thong

TIFFANY THONG

Manager, Rates and Regulatory Affairs

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Attachments

Cal P.U.C. Sheet No.	Title of Sheet	Cancelling Cal P.U.C. Sheet No.
1182-W	SCHEDULE NO. 1 RESIDENTIAL GENERAL METERED SERVICE Sheet 1	1098-W
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SCHEDULE NO. 1

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RESIDENTIAL GENERAL METERED SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to residential metered water service.

TERRITORY

Town of Apple Valley and vicinity, Town of Yermo and vicinity, San Bernardino County.

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RATES

Quantity Rates:

Tier 1 First 6 100 cu. ft	\$ 3.036	(R)
Tier 2 7 through 26 100 cu. ft.....	\$ 4.048	(R)
Tier 3 All over 26 100 cu ft.	\$ 7.003	(I)

Service Charge:

	Per Meter Per Month	
For 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter	\$ 33.64	(I)
For 3/4-inch meter	50.46	
For 1-inch meter	84.10	
For 1 1/2-inch meter	168.20	
For 2-inch meter	269.12	
For 3-inch meter	504.60	
For 4-inch meter	841.00	
For 6-inch meter	1,682.00	
For 8-inch meter	2,691.20	
For 10-inch meter	3,868.60	(I)

This Service Charge is a readiness-to-serve charge which is applicable to all metered services and to which is to be added the monthly charge computed at the Quantity Rates.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. A late charge will be imposed per Schedule No. LC.
2. In accordance with Section 2714 of the Public Utilities Code, if a tenant in a rental unit leaves owing the Company, service to subsequent tenants in that unit will, at the Company's option, be furnished on the account of the landlord or property owner.
3. All bills are subject to the reimbursement fee set forth on Schedule No. UF.

SCHEDULE NO. 1 YE-R

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GENERAL RESIDENTIAL METERED SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to residential metered water service.

TERRITORY

Tract Nos. 6593 and 6598 and vicinity near Yermo, and Tract Nos. 2459 and 2195 in Yermo, San Bernardino County, California.

RATES

Quantity Rates:

Tier 1 First 11 100 cu. ft	\$ 4.002
Tier 2 Over 11 through 22 100 cu. ft.....	\$ 4.502
Tier 3 All over 22 100 cu ft.	\$ 5.001

Per Meter

Service Charge:

Per Month

For 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter	\$ 36.80
For 3/4-inch meter	55.22
For 1-inch meter	92.02
For 1 1/2-inch meter	184.01
For 2-inch meter	294.41
For 3-inch meter	552.01
For 4-inch meter	920.03
For 6-inch meter	1,840.26
For 8-inch meter	2,944.41
For 10-inch meter	5,336.75

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3. All bills are subject to the reimbursement fee set forth on Schedule No. UF.

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APPLE VALLEY, CALIFORNIA 92307-7005

Revised Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No. 1184-W
Cancelling Original Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No. 1083-W

SCHEDULE NO. 1 YE-R

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GENERAL RESIDENTIAL METERED SERVICE

4. As authorized by the California Public Utilities Commission, an amount of \$0.706 per Ccf is to be added to the quantity rate for a period of 16 months, beginning on the effective date Advice Letter 249-W. This surcharge will recover the under collection in the Interim Rates Memorandum Account as of November 19, 2020.

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GRAVITY IRRIGATION SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all water service from the Company's gravity irrigation system.

TERRITORY

Within the entire service areas of the Company.

RATES

Quantity Rates:

All water delivered per 100 cu. ft.\$ 0.480

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Service Charge:

	Per Meter Per Month	
For 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter	\$ 33.64	(I)
For 3/4-inch meter	50.46	
For 1-inch meter	84.10	
For 1 1/2-inch meter	168.20	
For 2-inch meter	269.12	
For 3-inch mete.....	504.60	
For 4-inch meter	841.00	
For 6-inch meter	1,682.00	
For 8-inch meter	2,691.20	
For 10-inch meter	3,868.60	(I)

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. Service under this schedule is limited to lands not developed for residential use.

2. All outlets for this water shall be protected by signs stating: NON-POTABLE WATER-NOT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION.

3. A late charge will be imposed per Schedule LC.

4. All bills are subject to the Public Utilities Commission Reimbursement Fee set forth on Schedule No. UF.

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NON-RESIDENTIAL GENERAL METERED SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all non-residential metered water service.

TERRITORY

Town of Apple Valley and vicinity, and Town of Yermo and vicinity, San Bernardino County. (C)

RATES

Quantity Rates:

All water delivered per 100 cu. ft.\$ 4.048 (R)

Service Charge:

	Per Meter Per Month	
For 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter	\$ 33.64	(I)
For 3/4-inch meter	50.46	
For 1-inch meter	84.10	
For 1 1/2-inch meter	168.20	
For 2-inch meter	269.12	
For 3-inch meter	504.60	
For 4-inch meter	841.00	
For 6-inch meter	1,682.00	
For 8-inch meter	2,691.20	
For 10-inch meter	3,868.60	(I)

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. A late charge will be imposed per Schedule No. LC.
2. In accordance with Section 2714 of the Public Utilities Code, if a tenant in a rental unit leaves owing the Company, service to subsequent tenants in that unit will, at the Company's option, be furnished on the account of the landlord or property owner.
3. All bills are subject to the reimbursement fee set forth on Schedule No. UF.

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SCHEDULE NO. 3 YE-NR

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GENERAL NON-RESIDENTIAL METERED SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all non-residential metered water service.

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TERRITORY

Tract Nos. 6593 and 6598 and vicinity near Yermo, and Tract Nos. 2459 and 2195 in Yermo, San Bernardino County, California.

RATES

Quantity Rates:

All water delivered per Ccf.\$ 4.431

Service Charge:

<u>Month</u>	<u>Per Meter</u> <u>Per</u>
For 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter.....	\$ 36.80
For 3/4-inch meter.....	55.22
For 1-inch meter.....	92.02
For 1 1/2-inch meter.....	184.01
For 2-inch meter.....	294.41
For 3-inch meter.....	552.01
For 4-inch meter.....	920.03
For 6-inch meter.....	1,840.26
For 8-inch meter.....	2,944.41
For 10-inch meter.....	5,336.75

This Service Charge is a readiness-to-serve charge which is applicable to all metered services and to which is to be added the monthly charge computed at the Quantity Rates.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. A late charge will be imposed per Schedule No. LC.
2. In accordance with Section 2714 of the Public Utilities Code, if a tenant in a rental unit leaves owing the Company, service to subsequent tenants in that unit will, at the Company's option, be furnished on the account of the landlord or property owner.
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SCHEDULE NO. 3 YE-NR

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GENERAL NON-RESIDENTIAL METERED SERVICE

4. As authorized by the California Public Utilities Commission, an amount of \$0.706 per Ccf is to be added to the quantity rate for a period of 16 months, beginning on the effective date of Advice Letter 249-W. This surcharge will recover the under collection in the Interim Rates Memorandum Account as of November 19, 2020. (D)
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SCHEDULE NO. 4

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NON-METERED FIRE SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable only for water service to privately-owned fire-hydrant and fire-sprinkler systems where water is to be used only for the purpose of fire suppression or for periodic system testing.

TERRITORY

Town of Apple Valley and vicinity, and Town of Yermo and vicinity, San Bernardino County.

RATES

Size of Service:	Per Service Per Month
2-inch	\$ 52.40
3-inch	85.18
4-inch	124.38
6-inch	213.67
8-inch	314.09
10-inch	419.38
12-inch	556.78

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SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. The fire protection service connection shall be installed by the utility with the cost paid by the applicant. Such payment shall not be subject to refund.
2. The minimum diameter for fire protection service shall be two (2) inches, and the maximum diameter shall be not more than the diameter of the main to which the service is connected.
3. If a distribution main of adequate size to serve a private fire protection system in addition to all other normal service does not exist in the street or alley adjacent to the premises to be served, then a service main from the nearest main of adequate capacity shall be installed by the utility and the cost paid by the applicant. Such payment shall not be subject to refund.
4. Service hereunder is for private fire systems which are regularly inspected by the local fire protection agency having jurisdiction and to which no connection for other than fire suppression purposes shall be made. Service shall be installed according to specifications of the utility and shall be maintained to the satisfaction of the utility. The utility will install the detector meter listed by the Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. or other device to indicate unauthorized use, leakage, or waste of water. The cost of such installation and the cost of the meter or other device shall be paid by the applicant.
5. The utility undertakes to supply only such water at such pressure as may be available at any time through the normal operation of its system.

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SCHEDULE NO. CAP

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CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to residential domestic service to CAP households accommodation with a 1-inch or smaller meter, where the customer meets all the Special Conditions of this rate schedule.

TERRITORY

Town of Apple Valley and vicinity, Town of Yermo and vicinity, San Bernardino County.

RATES

Quantity Rate

Customers will be charged per 100 cubic feet of water delivered at the quantity rate reflected in Schedule No. 1, Residential General Metered Service.

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Service Charge

Customers will be charged a monthly service charge at the applicable meter size rate reflected in Schedule No. 1, Residential General Metered Service. Customers will receive a monthly CAP Credit of \$10.00 prorated based on days of service, if service is not provided for a full month.

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SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. CAP Household: A CAP Household is a household where the total gross income from all sources is less than or equal to the maximum household income levels for the CARE programs approved by the Commission as reflected on Form No. 13, Customer Assistance Program (CAP) Application. Total gross income shall include income from all sources, both taxable and non-taxable. Persons who are claimed as a dependent on another person's income tax return (other than your spouse) are not eligible for this program.

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CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all metered water service, excluding Non-Metered Fire Service, Gravity Irrigation Service and customers that receive a CAP credit.

TERRITORY

Town of Apple Valley and vicinity, Town of Yermo and vicinity, San Bernardino County.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. A surcharge of \$3.90 per month is applicable to all metered customers, excluding customers receiving Non-Metered Fire Sprinkler Service, Gravity Irrigation Service, and customers that receive a CAP credit. The surcharge offsets CAP credits and CAP program costs and will be applied to each customer’s bill.

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PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

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LL. Interim Rates Memorandum Account (continued)

3. Effective Date

The IRMA will become effective on July 1, 2022.

4. Disposition

The IRMA will remain in effect until a decision is reached in Liberty Apple Valley's A.21-07-003, et al. and the new rates are implemented at which time Liberty Apple Valley will file an Advice Letter requesting amortization of the balance.

MM. Monterey Water Revenue Adjustment Mechanism (MWRAM) Balancing Account

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1. Purpose

The purpose of the Monterey Water Revenue Adjustment Mechanism ("MWRAM") Balancing Account is to track differences between recorded quantity rate water revenues received under tiered rates to the equivalent rate revenues received if Liberty Apple Valley had single quantity rates, known as uniform rates, for residential customers. The Commission has determined that the accounting mechanism is appropriate in coordination with a trial program of increasing block rate structures and increased conservation activities. The authority to establish this account was authorized in D.23-02-003.

2. Applicability

The MWRAM applies to all areas served.

3. Effective Date

The MWRAM will become effective on July 1, 2022.

4. Definitions

- a. Non-MWRAM revenue is all revenue excluded from the MWRAM account, including metered service charges, residential quantity charges billed at the uniform rate, non-residential quantity charges and public and private fire protection service and other unmetered miscellaneous revenue. In addition, surcharges and surcredits, unless specifically included in adopted revenue requirement, will be excluded from MWRAM tracking.
- b. MWRAM-eligible revenue is all revenue not excluded in 4.a, above. Generally, MWRAM eligible revenue results from potable quantity charges to residential customers being charged tiered rates and not uniform rates.
- c. Recorded MWRAM-eligible revenue is the amount of residential tiered usage-related revenue billed to qualifying customers in a particular period.
- d. Adopted MWRAM-eligible revenue is the amount of residential tiered rate quantity related revenue calculated at uniform rates using actual quantity billed.

5. Accounting Procedure

- a. The following entries will be recorded monthly in the MWRAM:
 1. Recorded MWRAM-eligible revenue.
 2. Adopted MWRAM-eligible revenue.
 3. Total Net MWRAM balance = (2) minus (1)

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MM. Monterey Water Revenue Adjustment Mechanism (MWRAM) Balancing Account

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5. Accounting Procedure (continued)

a. The following entries will be recorded monthly in the MWRAM: (continued)

4. A negative (-) balance in the MWRAM reflects a utility over collection to refunded, whereas a positive balance reflects a utility under collection to be recovered in rates.

b. The company will record the accumulated MWRAM balance monthly, by adding its entry in Section a.3 above to the prior accumulated monthly balance.

c. Monthly interest expense shall be calculated at 1/12 of the most recent month's interest rate on the 3-month non-financial Commercial Paper Rate, published in the Federal Reserve Statistical Release, to the average of the beginning-of-month and the end-of-month balances. H.15, (<http://www.federalreserve.gov/Releases/H15/NFCP/M3.txt>) or its successor publication.

6. Disposition

If the accumulated balance for the MWRAM exceeds 2% of the total authorized revenue requirement for the prior calendar year, the Company will file an advice letter to amortize the balance. If the cumulative 2% threshold is not met, the balance in the account will be amortized in Liberty Apple Valley's next General Rate Case.

NN. Incremental Cost Balancing Account (ICBA)

1. Purpose

The purpose of the Incremental cost Balancing Account ("ICBA") is to track the water supply related costs for the domestic system. These costs shall include purchased power, replenishment, and chemicals. The authority to establish this account was authorized in D.23-02-003.

2. Applicability

The ICBA applies to all areas served.

3. Effective Date

The ICBA will become effective on July 1, 2022.

4. Accounting Procedure

a. The following entries will be recorded monthly in the ICBA:

1. Recorded purchased power cost per A.F.

2. Adopted purchased power cost per A.F.

3. Difference between (1) and (2)

4. Multiply (3) by recorded A.F.

5. Recorded Replenishment Administrative and Biological Assessment cost per A.F.

6. Adopted Replenishment Administrative and Biological Assessment cost per A.F.

7. Difference between (5) and (6).

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NN. Incremental Cost Balancing Account (ICBA)

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4. Accounting Procedure (continued)

a. The following entries will be recorded monthly in the ICBA: (continued)

8. Multiply (7) by recorded A.F.
 9. Recorded Replenishment Make-up Assessment cost per A.F.
 10. Adopted Replenishment Make-up Assessment cost per A.F.
 11. Difference between (8) and (9)
 12. Multiply (11) by recorded A.F.
 13. Recorded Replenishment Leased Water Rights cost per A.F.
 14. Adopted Replenishment Leased Water Rights cost per A.F.
 15. Difference between (13) and (14).
 16. Multiply (15) by recorded A.F.
 17. Recorded chemicals cost per A.F.
 18. Adopted chemicals cost per A.F.
 19. Difference between (17) and (18).
 20. Multiply (19) by recorded A.F.
 21. Total Net ICBA = (4) + (8) + (12) + (16) + (20)
 22. A negative (-) balance in the ICBA reflects a utility over collection to refunded, whereas a positive (+) balance reflects a utility under collection to be recovered in rates.
- b. The company will record the accumulated ICBA balance monthly, by adding its entry in Section a.21 above to the prior accumulated monthly balance.
- c. Monthly interest expense shall be calculated at 1/12 of the most recent month's interest rate on the 3-month non-financial Commercial Paper Rate, published in the Federal Reserve Statistical Release, to the average of the beginning-of-month and the end-of-month balances. H.15, (<http://www.federalreserve.gov/Releases/H15>NFCP>M3.txt>) or its successor publication.

5. Disposition

If the accumulated balance for the ICBA exceeds 2% of the total authorized revenue requirement for the prior calendar year, the Company will file an advice letter to amortize the balance. If the cumulative 2% threshold is not met, the balance in the account will be amortized in Liberty Apple Valley's next General Rate Case.

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RULE NO. 9

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RENDERING AND PAYMENT OF BILLS

3. Proration of Bills

- a. The charges applicable to opening periods, closing bills, and bills rendered for periods corresponding to less than 27 days or more than 33 days for monthly billing periods will be computed as follows:

(1) Metered Service

The amount of the minimum charge (and the quantity allowed therefore) or the readiness-to-serve charge and the quantity in each of the several quantity rate blocks will be prorated on the basis of the ratio of the number of days in the period to the number of days in an average billing period. The measured quantity of usage will be applied to such prorated amounts and quantities.

(2) Flat Rate Service

The billing period charge will be prorated on the basis of the ratio of the number of days in the period to the number of days in an average billing period.

(3) Average Billing Period

The number of days in an average billing period is defined as 365 divided by the number of billing periods in a year. (It is 30.4 days for a monthly billing period.)

B. Payment of Bills

Bills for service are due and payable upon presentation and payment may be made at any commercial office of the utility or to any representative of the utility authorized to make collections. Collection of closing bills may be made at the time of presentation.

1. The utility may charge \$12.00 for any bad check or electronic fund transfer not honored by the customer's financial institution or a payment processor.

RULE NO. 9

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RENDERING AND PAYMENT OF BILLS

B. Payment of Bills (continued)

2. Credit/Debit Card Option

At the option of the customer a credit or debit card payment can be made through a third party vendor. For residential customers, a non-refundable convenience fee of \$1.75 per transaction shall apply. For commercial customers, a non-refundable convenience fee of \$7.75 per transaction shall apply. The transaction fee will be over and above the utility bill amount and may be charged to the customer by a third party vendor for this service and will note on the utility billing statement. For customers with more than one account, a separate transaction fee is necessary for each account. This payment option is not available to customers who have made fraudulent payments within the last 12 months.

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