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December 29, 2016

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 (Apple Valley Ranchos Water) Corp's Advice Letter No. 219-W, filed on November 16, 2016, regarding the implementation of rates for escalation year 2017 that was submitted in accordance with D.15-11-030.

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

<u>P.U.C. Sheet No.</u>	<u>Title of Sheet</u>
923-W	Preliminary Statement, Page 6
924-W	Schedule No. 1, Residential General Metered Service
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Please contact Carmen Rocha at (415) 703-2162 if you have any questions.

Thank you,

/s/JENNIFER PEREZ

Jennifer Perez
Water & Sewer Advisory Branch
Division of Water and Audits

Enclosures

**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:** November 16, 2016

District: N/A

CPUC Utility #: U-346-W **Protest Deadline (20th Day):** December 6, 2016

Advice Letter #: 219-W **Review Deadline (30th Day):** December 16, 2016

Tier ☐ 1 ☒ 2 ☐ 3 ☒ Compliance **Requested Effective Date:** January 1, 2017

Authorization D.15-11-030 **Rate Impact:** \$ 1,132,581
4.88%

Description: The purpose of this advice letter is to implement rates for escalation year 2017 as authorized by the Commission in Ordering Paragraph No. 5 of D.15-11-030, dated November 19, 2015 (A.14-01-002).

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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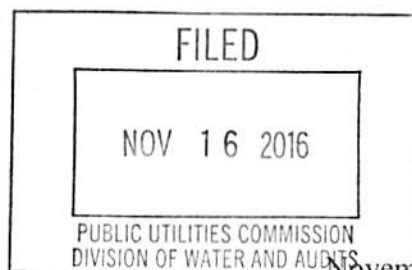
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Advice Letter No. 219-W

November 16, 2016

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. <u>Sheet No.</u>	<u>Title of Sheet</u>	<u>Schedule Number</u>	<u>Canceling Sheet No.</u>
923-W	Preliminary Statement, page 6		864-W
924-W	Residential General Metered Service	1	915-W
925-W	Gravity Irrigation Service	2	866-W
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The purpose of this advice letter is to implement rates for escalation year 2017 as authorized by the Commission in Ordering Paragraph No. 5 of D.15-11-030 (A.14-01-002), dated November 19, 2015.

The escalation year 2017 revenue increase of \$1,132,581 or 4.88% was calculated using the adopted quantities from D.15-11-030, D.13-05-027, and in accordance with the procedures contained in the Rate Case Plan for Class A water utilities (D.07-05-062, Section VII. Escalation and Attrition Advice Letter Procedure). The Commission Staff has been provided with workpapers showing the calculation of the escalation year increase.

The adopted rate of return of 9.07%, specified in D.15-11-030 was adjusted to 9.26% to coincide with the Proforma 12-month ending September 30, 2016. A summary of earnings for this period, on both a pro-forma and recorded basis, is contained in the workpapers.

The Commission Staff has been provided with workpapers showing the Company's rate of return on rate base, adjusted to reflect present rates and normal ratemaking adjustments, for the twelve (12) months ending September 30, 2016. The pro-forma rate of return of 8.77% is less than the adjusted adopted rate of return of 9.26%.

Liberty Apple Valley also includes an update to the adopted quantities for the Water Revenue Adjustment Mechanism Balancing Account and the Modified Cost Balancing Account for escalation year 2017 contained in the Preliminary Statement.

Pursuant to Ordering Paragraph No. 5 of D.15-11-030, this escalation filing is classified as a Tier 2 advice letter.

The actions requested in this advice letter are not now the subject of any formal filings with the California Public Utilities Commission, including a formal complaint, nor action in any court of law.

Requested Effective Date

Pursuant to Ordering Paragraph No. 5 of D.15-11-030, Liberty Apple Valley requests this filing become effective January 1, 2017.

Notice and Service

Pursuant to Water Industry Rule 4.1 and General Rules 4.3 and 7.2 of General Order 96-B, a copy of this advice letter will be mailed or electronically transmitted on November 16, 2016 to competing and adjacent utilities and other utilities or interested parties having requested such notification.

Customer notification of the 2017 escalation increase was previously accomplished in A.14-01-002 as required by Rule No. 3.2 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. Additional public notice of this filing is not required.

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, 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 us, addressed to:

Edward N. Jackson, Representative
Director of Revenue Requirements
Liberty Utilities (Park Water) Corp.
9750 Washburn Road
P. O. Box 7002
Downey, CA 90241
Phone: (562) 923.0711, ext. 1212
Fax: (562) 861-5902
E-Mail: DLCADowneyRegulatoryAffairs@libertyutilities.com

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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Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No. 923-W
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PRELIMINARY STATEMENT
2017 WRAM & MCBA

WATER REVENUE ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM/MODIFIED COST BALANCING ACCOUNT
(WRAM/MCBA)
(continued)

Monthly Detail (In Thousands of Dollars)

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)
Month	Service Charge and other Non- WRAM Revenue	Quantity Charge Revenue for WRAM	Total Revenue	Purchased Power	Replenishment Adm & Bio	Replenishment Make-Up	Leased Water Rights	Chemicals	Total Production Cost
Jan	379.8	838.9	1,218.7	43.1	2.0	2.5	0.0	1.2	48.8
Feb	374.4	827.0	1,201.4	42.5	2.0	2.5	0.0	1.1	48.1
Mar	376.3	831.1	1,207.4	42.7	2.0	2.5	0.0	1.2	48.4
Apr	496.5	1,096.5	1,593.0	56.3	2.7	3.3	0.0	1.5	63.8
May	552.9	1,221.1	1,774.0	62.7	3.0	3.7	0.0	1.7	71.1
Jun	788.0	1,740.4	2,528.4	89.4	4.2	5.2	0.0	2.4	101.3
Jul	827.3	1,827.3	2,654.6	93.9	4.4	5.5	0.0	2.5	106.3
Aug	930.3	2,054.7	2,985.0	105.6	5.0	6.2	0.0	2.8	119.6
Sep	873.2	1,928.5	2,801.6	99.1	4.7	5.8	0.0	2.7	112.2
Oct	798.8	1,764.3	2,563.2	90.7	4.3	5.3	0.0	2.4	102.7
Nov	621.5	1,372.7	1,994.3	70.5	3.3	4.1	0.0	1.9	79.9
Dec	479.1	1,058.1	1,537.1	54.4	2.6	3.2	0.0	1.5	61.6
12 Month Total	7,498.2	16,560.6	24,058.8	851.0	40.0	49.7	0.0	23.0	963.7

2017 Adopted Quantities (EY)

Total Operating Revenue: \$24,058.8

Total Purchased Power \$851.0
Total Replenishment-Adm & Bio \$40.0
Total Replenishment-Make-Up \$49.7
Total Leased Water Rights \$0.0
Total Chemicals \$23.0
Total Production Costs \$963.7

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APPLE VALLEY, CALIFORNIA 92307-7005

	<u>REVISED</u>	Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.	<u>924-W</u>
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SCHEDULE NO. 1

RESIDENTIAL GENERAL METERED SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to residential metered water service.

TERRITORY

Town of Apple Valley and vicinity, San Bernardino County.

RATES

Quantity Rates:

Tier 1 First 12 100 cu. ft.	\$ 4.039	(I)
Tier 2 Over 12 through 24 100 cu. ft.	\$ 4.677	(I)
Tier 3 All over 24 100 cu ft.	\$ 5.315	(I)

Service Charge:

Per Meter
Per Month

For 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter.....	\$ 23.15	(I)
For 3/4-inch meter.....	34.73	
For 1-inch meter.....	57.88	
For 1 1/2-inch meter.....	115.75	
For 2-inch meter.....	185.20	
For 3-inch meter.....	347.25	
For 4-inch meter.....	578.75	
For 6-inch meter.....	1,157.50	
For 8-inch meter.....	1,852.00	
For 10-inch meter.....	3,356.75	(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.
5. As authorized by the California Public Utilities Commission, an amount of \$0.287 per Ccf is to be added to the quantity rate for a period of 18 months, beginning on the effective date of Advice Letter 196-W. This surcharge will recover the under-collection in the WRAM and MCBA Balancing Accounts as of December 31, 2014.

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866-W

SCHEDULE NO. 2

GRAVITY IRRIGATION SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

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

TERRITORY

Within the entire service area of the Company.

RATES

Quantity Rates:

All water delivered per 100 cu. ft. \$ 0.389 (R)

Service Charge:

Per Meter
Per Month

For 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter	\$ 23.15	(I)
For 3/4-inch meter.....	34.73	
For 1-inch meter.....	57.88	
For 1 1/2-inch meter.....	115.75	
For 2-inch meter.....	185.20	
For 3-inch meter.....	347.25	
For 4-inch meter.....	578.75	
For 6-inch meter.....	1,157.50	
For 8-inch meter.....	1,852.00	
For 10-inch meter.....	3,356.75	(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 for on Schedule No. UF.

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SCHEDULE No. 3

NON-RESIDENTIAL GENERAL METERED SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all non-residential metered water service.

TERRITORY

Town of Apple Valley and vicinity, San Bernardino County.

RATES

Quantity Rates:

All water delivered per 100 cu. ft. \$ 4.518 (I)

Service Charge:	Per Meter Per Month	
For 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter.....	\$ 23.15	(I)
For 3/4-inch meter.....	34.73	
For 1-inch meter.....	57.88	
For 1 1/2-inch meter.....	115.75	
For 2-inch meter.....	185.20	
For 3-inch meter.....	347.25	
For 4-inch meter.....	578.75	
For 6-inch meter.....	1,157.50	
For 8-inch meter.....	1,852.00	
For 10-inch meter.....	3,356.75	(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. 4
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, San Bernardino County.

RATES

<u>Size of Service</u>	<u>Per Service Per Month</u>	
2-inch	\$48.61	(I)
3-inch	72.95	
4-inch	97.13	
6-inch	145.43	
8-inch	194.04	
10-inch	234.22	
12-inch	273.51	(I)

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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TABLE OF CONTENTS

The following listed tariff sheets contain all effective rates and rules affecting the charges and service of the utility, together with other pertinent information:

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C.P.U.C.

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