

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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February 1, 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 (Apple Valley Ranchos) Corps. Advice Letter No. 221-W, filed on December 15, 2016, regarding the updated User Fees that was submitted in accordance with Res. M-4830.

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

<b><u>P.U.C. Sheet No.</u></b>	<b><u>Title of Sheet</u></b>
932-W	Surcharge to Fund Public utilities UF
	Commission Reimbursement Fee
933-W	Table of Contents, Page 1

Please contact Jim Booth at (415) 703-1748 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:** December 15, 2016

**District:** N/A

**CPUC Utility #:** U-346-W

**Protest Deadline (20<sup>th</sup> Day):** January 4, 2017

**Advice Letter #:** 221-W

**Review Deadline (30<sup>th</sup> Day):** January 14, 2017

**Tier**    ☒1    ☐2    ☐3    ☒ Compliance

**Requested Effective Date:** January 1, 2017

**Authorization**    Resolution M-4830

**Rate Impact:**    \$0  
0%

**Description:** This advice letter revises Schedule No. UF, Surcharge to Fund PUC Utilities Reimbursement Account Fee ("PUCURA") user fees, to reflect the updated fee for Water Corporations for fiscal year 2016-17.

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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# Liberty Utilities

Advice Letter No. 221-W

December 15, 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.		Canceling
<u>Sheet No.</u>	<u>Title of Sheet</u>	<u>Sheet No.</u>
932-W	Surcharge to Fund Public Utilities UF Commission Reimbursement Fee	890-W
933-W	Table of Contents, page 1	931-W

## Summary

This advice letter revises Schedule No. UF, Surcharge to Fund PUC Utilities Reimbursement Account Fee ("PUCURA") user fees, to reflect the updated fee for Water Corporations for fiscal year 2016-17.

On December 1, 2016, the California Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") approved Resolution M-4830, in which it set forth the levels of PUCURA for fiscal year 2016-17. Effective January 1, 2017 the current user fee of 1.17% will be revised to 1.44%.

This filing will not cause the withdrawal of service, nor conflict with other schedules or rules.

## Background

The Commission uses the Public Utilities Code as the basis for its methodology to annually assess user fees for energy, water and telecommunication utilities.

Public Utilities Code Section 431 states:

The commission shall annually determine a fee to be paid by every electrical, gas, telephone, telegraph, water, sewer system, and heat corporation and every other public utility providing service directly to customers and subscribers and subject to the jurisdiction of the commission other than a railroad, except as provided in Article 2 (commencing with Section 421). The annual fee shall be established to produce a total amount equal to that amount established in the authorized Commission budget for the same year, including adjustments for increases in employee compensation, other increases appropriated by the Legislature, and an appropriate reserve to regulate public utilities less the amount to be paid from special accounts or funds pursuant to section 402, reimbursements, federal funds, and any other revenues, and the amount of unencumbered funds from the preceding year.

**Tier Designation**

Pursuant to Resolution M-4830, this advice letter is submitted with a Tier 1 designation.

**Effective Date**

Pursuant to Resolution, M-4830, Liberty Apple Valley requests that the revised tariffs become effective on January 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 December 15, 2016 to competing and adjacent utilities and other utilities or interested parties.

**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 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

- (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, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor  
California Public Utilities Commission,  
505 Van Ness Avenue, 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:

Edward Jackson  
Director of Revenue Requirements  
Liberty Utilities (Park Water) Corp.  
9750 Washburn Rd.  
P. O. Box 7002  
Downey, CA 90241  
Fax: (562) 861-5902  
E-Mail: [edward.jackson@libertyutilities.com](mailto:edward.jackson@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.

Public notice of this filing is not required. Any adjacent public or privately owned utilities and other interested parties have been furnished a copy of this Advice Letter. A list of those recipients is attached.

Very truly yours,

LIBERTY UTILITIES (APPLE VALLEY RANCHOS WATER) CORP.

/s/Edward N. Jackson

EDWARD N. JACKSON

Representative

Director of Revenue Requirements

Liberty Utilities (Park Water) Corp.

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Enclosure

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REVISED Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No. 932-W

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REVISED Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No. 890-W

**SCHEDULE NO. UF**

**SURCHARGE TO FUND PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
REIMBURSEMENT FEE**

**APPLICABILITY**

This surcharge applies to all water bills rendered under all tariff rate schedules authorized by the Commission, with the exception of resale rate schedules where the customer is a public utility.

**TERRITORY**

This schedule is applicable within the entire territory serviced by the utility.

**RATES**

A 1.44% (.0144) surcharge will be added to all customer bills. (I)

In 1982, the Legislature established the Public Utilities Commission Reimbursement Fee to be paid by utilities to fund their regulation by the Commission (Public Utilities (PU) Code Section 401-443). The surcharge to recover the cost of that fee is ordered by the Commission under authority granted by the PU Code Section 433.

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GREGORY S. SORENSEN

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Resolution No. M-4830

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21760 OTTAWA ROAD  
P. O. BOX 7005  
APPLE VALLEY, CALIFORNIA 92307

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Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No. 933-W

Canceling

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Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No. 931-W

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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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