

**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:** May 15, 2024

**District:** N/A

**CPUC Utility #:** U 346-W      **Protest Deadline (20<sup>th</sup> Day):** June 4, 2024

**Advice Letter #:** 280-W      **Review Deadline (30<sup>th</sup> Day):** June 14, 2024

**Tier**     1     2     3     Compliance      **Requested Effective Date:** July 1, 2024

**Authorization** D.23-02-003      **Rate Impact:** \$1,518,795  
5.13%

**Description:** The purpose for this advice letter is to implement rates for escalation year 2024 as authorized by the Commission in Ordering Paragraph No. 7 of 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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<u>DATE</u>	<u>STAFF</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
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APPROVED

WITHDRAWN

REJECTED

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Advice Letter No. 280-W

May 15, 2024

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

**Summary**

The purpose of this advice letter is to implement rates for escalation year 2024 as authorized by the Commission in Ordering Paragraph No. 7 of D.23-02-003 (A.21-07-003, et al.).

The escalation year 2024 revenue increase of \$1,518,795 or 5.13% was calculated using the adopted quantities from D.23-02-003 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 7.35%, specified in D.23-03-003 was adjusted to 7.74% to coincide with the pro-forma 12-month period ending March 31, 2024. A summary of earnings for this period, on both a pro-forma and recorded basis, is contained in the workpapers.

The pro-forma rate of return of 5.60% is less than the adjusted rate of return of 7.74% specified in D.23-03-003. A summary of earnings for this period, on both a pro-forma and recorded basis, is contained in the workpapers.

Pursuant to Ordering Paragraph 7 of D.23-03-003, this escalation filing is classified as a Tier 1 advice letter.

The actions requested in this advice letter are not 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. 7 of D.23-03-003, Liberty Apple Valley requests this filing become effective July 1, 2024.

**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 mailed or electronically transmitted on May 15, 2024 to competing and adjacent utilities and other utilities or interested parties having requested such notification.

Customer notification of this rate increase was previously accomplished in A.21-07-003, et al. 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. 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, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:

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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](mailto:Tiffany.Thong@libertyutilities.com).

Very truly yours,

LIBERTY UTILITIES (APPLE VALLEY RANCHOS WATER) CORP.

*/s/ Tiffany Thong*

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Attachments

<b>Cal P.U.C. Sheet No.</b>	<b>Title of Sheet</b>	<b>Cancelling Cal P.U.C. Sheet No.</b>
1245-W	SCHEDULE NO. 1 RESIDENTIAL GENERAL METERED SERVICE Sheet 1	1207-W
1246-W	SCHEDULE NO. 2 GRAVITY IRRIGATION SERVICE Sheet 1	1208-W
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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, Town of Yermo and vicinity, San Bernardino County.

**RATES**

Quantity Rates:

Tier 1 First 6 100 cu. ft .....	\$ 3.364	(1)
Tier 2 7 through 26 100 cu. ft.....	\$ 4.485	(1)
Tier 3 All over 26 100 cu ft. ....	\$ 7.759	(1)

Service Charge:

	Per Meter Per Month	
For 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter .....	\$ 37.35	(1)
For 3/4-inch meter .....	56.03	
For 1-inch meter .....	93.38	
For 1 1/2-inch meter .....	186.75	
For 2-inch meter .....	298.80	
For 3-inch meter .....	560.25	
For 4-inch meter .....	933.75	
For 6-inch meter .....	1,867.50	
For 8-inch meter .....	2,988.00	
For 10-inch meter .....	4,295.25	

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. 2**

**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. ....\$ 0.627 (I)

Service Charge:

	Per Meter Per Month	
For 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter .....	\$ 37.35	(I)
For 3/4-inch meter .....	56.03	
For 1-inch meter .....	93.38	
For 1 1/2-inch meter .....	186.75	
For 2-inch meter .....	298.80	
For 3-inch mete.....	560.25	
For 4-inch meter .....	933.75	
For 6-inch meter .....	1,867.50	
For 8-inch meter .....	2,988.00	
For 10-inch meter .....	4,295.25	(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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**SCHEDULE NO. 3**

**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.

**RATES**

Quantity Rates:

All water delivered per 100 cu. ft. ....\$ 4.485 (I)

Service Charge:

	Per Meter Per Month	
For 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter .....	\$ 37.35	(I)
For 3/4-inch meter .....	56.03	
For 1-inch meter .....	93.38	
For 1 1/2-inch meter .....	186.75	
For 2-inch meter .....	298.80	
For 3-inch meter .....	560.25	
For 4-inch meter .....	933.75	
For 6-inch meter .....	1,867.50	
For 8-inch meter .....	2,988.00	
For 10-inch meter .....	4,295.25	

**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**

**wwwAPPLICABILITY**

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:	<u>Per Service</u> <u>Per Month</u>	
2-inch .....	\$ 58.11	(I)
3-inch .....	94.46	
4-inch .....	137.93	
6-inch .....	236.95	
8-inch .....	348.32	
10-inch .....	465.09	
12-inch .....	617.46	

**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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