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Advice Letter No. 344-W

January 2, 2025

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

Liberty Utilities (Park Water) Corp. (U 314-W) (“Liberty Park Water”) hereby transmits the attached revised tariff sheets applicable to water service in its service territory.

### **Summary**

In accordance with Ordering Paragraph No. 4 in D.24-12-007, Liberty Park Water is filing this advice letter to implement rate changes to reflect the new authorized cost of capital for Liberty Park Water.

### **Background and Discussion**

On May 1, 2023, Liberty Park Water and Liberty Utilities (Apple Valley Ranchos Water) Corp. (“Liberty Apple Valley”) jointly filed A.23-05-001 et al requesting an authorized cost of capital for years 2024 to 2026 pursuant to the rate case plan for Class A water utilities. On December 5, 2024, the Commission issued D.24-12-007 in A.23-05-001 et al and related matters. This decision adopted the cost of capital between Liberty Apple Valley, Liberty Park Water (along with San Gabriel Valley Water Company, Suburban Water Systems, and Great Oaks Water Company). The decision adopts a rate of return of 7.17% for Liberty Park Water for 2024. Specifically, Ordering Paragraph Numbers 4, 5, and 6 in D.24-12-007 state,

4. *Liberty Utilities Corp. is authorized a 9.57 percent return on equity and a 3.99 percent cost of long-term debt with a capital structure of 43.00 percent long-term debt and 57.00 percent common equity, resulting in a 7.17 percent return on rate base for the period from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027.*
5. *San Gabriel Valley Water Company, Great Oaks Water Company, Suburban Water Services and Liberty Utilities Corp. shall each file a Tier 1 Advice Letter to implement rate changes to reflect the change in the cost of capital adopted herein.*
6. *All advice letters required in Ordering Paragraph 5 shall be filed within 30 days of the date of this order and the rate changes reflecting the approved cost of capitals shall be effective on the date of the filing subject to the determination by Water Division that the advice letters comply with this decision.*

Prior to the adoption of the decision in this proceeding, Liberty Park Water’s authorized rate of return was 7.35%, with a 2024 total authorized revenue requirement of \$43,668,852. Liberty Park Water is reducing its revenue requirement to reflect the updated rate of return of 7.17%. This resulted in an overall revenue requirement decrease of -\$350,000 or -0.80% of Liberty Park Water’s 2024 adopted revenue requirement.

The Commission Staff has been provided with workpapers showing the derivation of the requested rates.

### **Tier Designation**

Pursuant to D.24-12-007 and Water Industry Rule 7.3.1 of General Order 96-B, this advice letter is submitted with a Tier 1 designation.

**Effective Date**

Pursuant to Ordering Paragraph No. 6 of D.24-12-007, Liberty Park Water requests this filing become effective January 2, 2025.

**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 January 2, 2025 to competing and adjacent utilities and other utilities or interested parties having requested such notification.

Customer notification of this rate change was previously accomplished in A.23-05-001 et al and A.23-05-001 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 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, 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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Manager, Rates and Regulatory Affairs  
Liberty Utilities  
9750 Washburn Road  
P. O. Box 7002  
Downey, CA 90241  
Fax: (562) 861-5902  
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 Tiffany Thong at [Tiffany.Thong@libertyutilities.com](mailto:Tiffany.Thong@libertyutilities.com).

Sincerely,

LIBERTY UTILITIES (PARK WATER) CORP.

*/s/ Tiffany Thong*

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Manager, Rates and Regulatory Affairs

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**SCHEDULE NO. PR-1-NR**

**NON-RESIDENTIAL METERED SERVICE**

**APPLICABILITY**

Applicable to all metered water services except that provided to single-family residential customers.

**TERRITORY**

Within all service areas of Los Angeles County as delineated in the service area maps included in the tariff schedules.

**RATES**

Quantity Rates:

All water used per 100 cu. ft. .... \$ 5.848 (R)

Service Charges:	Per Meter Per Month		
For 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter .....	\$ 38.75	(R)	
For 3/4-inch meter .....	\$ 58.13		
For 1-inch meter .....	\$ 96.88		
For 1 1/2-inch meter .....	\$ 193.75		
For 2-inch meter .....	\$ 310.00		
For 3-inch meter .....	\$ 581.25		
For 4-inch meter .....	\$ 968.75		
For 6-inch meter .....	\$1,937.50		
For 8-inch meter .....	\$3,100.00		
For 10-inch meter .....	\$4,456.25		
For 12-inch meter .....	\$6,393.75		(R)

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. All charges under this schedule to customers in the City of Norwalk are subject to a surcharge of 2.04 percent.
2. A late charge will be imposed per Schedule No. LC.
3. 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.
4. All bills are subject to the reimbursement fee set forth on Schedule No. UF.

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**SCHEDULE NO. PR-1-R**

**RESIDENTIAL METERED SERVICE**

**APPLICABILITY**

Applicable to all metered water services provided to single-family residential customers.

**TERRITORY**

Within all service areas of Los Angeles County as delineated in the service area maps included in the tariff schedules.

**RATES**

Quantity Rates:

Tier 1 – First 6, 100 cubic feet .....	\$ 4.386	(R)
Tier 2 – 7 through 18, 100 cubic feet .....	\$ 5.848	(R)
Tier 3 – All over 18, 100 cubic feet .....	\$ 9.883	(R)

Service Charge:	Per Meter Per Month	
For 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter .....	\$ 38.75	(R)
For 3/4-inch meter .....	\$ 58.13	
For 1-inch meter .....	\$ 96.88	
For 1 1/2-inch meter .....	\$ 193.75	
For 2-inch meter .....	\$ 310.00	
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**SCHEDULE NO. PR-4F**

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**NON-METERED FIRE SPRINKLER SERVICE**

**APPLICABILITY**

Applicable for water service to privately-owned non-metered fire-sprinkler systems and hydrants where water is to be used only in case of fire.

**TERRITORY**

Within all service areas in Los Angeles County as delineated on the service area maps included in the tariff schedules.

**RATES**

Service Charge:	<u>Per Meter</u> <u>Per Month</u>	
For 2-inch meter .....	\$ 26.66	(R)
For 3-inch meter .....	40.25	
For 4-inch meter .....	62.86	
For 6-inch meter .....	107.38	
For 8-inch meter .....	165.56	
For 10-inch meter .....	240.60	
For 12-inch meter .....	346.57	(R)

**SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

1. The fire protection service connection shall be installed by the utility at 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.

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**SCHEDULE NO. PR-6**

**RECLAIMED WATER SERVICE**

**APPLICABILITY**

Applicable to all meter reclaimed water service.

**TERRITORY**

Within all service areas in Los Angeles County as delineated on the service area maps included in the tariff schedules.

**RATES**

Quantity Rate:

For all water delivered per 100 cubic feet \$ 4.508 (R)

Service Charge:

	<u>Per Meter Per Month</u>	
For 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter .....	\$ 38.75	(R)
For 3/4-inch meter .....	\$ 58.13	                 
For 1-inch meter .....	\$ 96.88	
For 1 1/2-inch meter .....	\$ 193.75	
For 2-inch meter .....	\$ 310.00	
For 3-inch meter .....	\$ 581.25	
For 4-inch meter .....	\$ 968.75	
For 6-inch meter .....	\$1,937.50	
For 8-inch meter .....	\$3,100.00	
For 10-inch meter .....	\$4,456.25	
For 12-inch meter .....	\$6,393.75	

The Service Charge is a readiness-to-serve charge applicable to all metered service and to which is to be added the charge for water used computed at Quantity Rates.

**SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

1. The user (customer) is responsible for on-site compliance with local, state, or federal regulations that may apply to the use of an approved reclaimed water source.
2. All charges under this schedule to customers in the City of Norwalk are subject to a surcharge of 2.04 percent.
3. A late charge will be imposed per Schedule No. LC.
4. All bills are subject to the reimbursement fee set forth on Schedule No. UF.

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