CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION DIVISION OF WATER AND AUDITS

Advice Letter Cover Sheet

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Advice Letter No. 346-W

June 4, 2025

TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Liberty Utilities (Park Water) Corp. (U 314-W) ("Liberty Park Water") hereby transmits for filing revised copies of the attached tariff sheets applicable to water service in its service territory.

Summary

Liberty Park Water is seeking to implement interim rates in its service area and to modify its Preliminary Statement, to add Part SS, to reflect the establishment and implementation of the Interim Rates Memorandum Account ("IRMA") for its service territory. The purpose of the IRMA is to track the difference between the interim rates and the final rates adopted by the Commission in A.24-01-002, et al. The interim rates are based on the existing rate levels, will be subject to refund, and adjusted upward or downward, consistent with the final rates adopted by the Commission in the pending general rate case. The interim rates and IRMA are requested pursuant to the ALJs Ruling Granting Interim Rates in A.24-01-002, et al, dated May 30, 2025 and Public Utilities Code §455.2. The proposed interim rates generate a revenue requirement increase of \$985,707 or 2.30%.

Background

On January 2, 2024, Liberty Park Water filed General Rate Case Application No. A.24-01-002, et al for its service area in accordance with D.07-05-062, the Rate Case Plan for Class A water utilities.

Public Utilities Code §455.2 provides for interim rate relief when the Commission is unable to issue its final decision on the general rate case application of a water corporation with greater than 10,000 service connections in a manner ensuring the decision becomes effective on the first day of the test year in the application. Public Utilities Code Section 455.2 states the following:

- **455.2**. (a) The Commission shall issue its final decision on a general rate case application of a water corporation with greater than 10,000 service connections in a manner that ensures that the Commission's decision becomes effective on the first day of the first test year in the general rate increase application.
- (b) If the Commission's decision is not effective in accordance with subdivision (a), the applicant may file a tariff implementing interim rates that may be increased by an amount equal to the rate of inflation as compared to existing rates. The interim rates shall be effective on the first day of the first test year in the general rate case application. These interim rates shall be subject to refund and shall be adjusted upward or downward back to the interim rate effective date, consistent with the final rates adopted by the Commission. The Commission may authorize a lesser increase in interim rates if the Commission finds the rates to be

in the public interest. If the presiding officer in the case determines that the Commission's decision cannot become effective on the first day of the first test year due to actions by the water corporation, the presiding officer or Commission may require a different effective date for the interim rates or final rates.

The first day of the test year for Application 24-01-002 et al is July 1, 2025. Liberty filed a motion requesting interim rates on December 20, 2024 because of its belief that a final decision by the Commission would not be timely for new rates to become effective July 1, 2025. On May 30, 2025, ALJ Margery Melvin issued a Ruling granting Interim Rates. In her ruling, ALJ Melvin ordered:

IT IS RULED that:

- 1. Liberty Utilities Corp.'s Motion for Interim Rates to be Effective July 1, 2025, and request to create a memorandum account to track any differences between the interim rates and final rates is approved.
- 2. Liberty Utilities Corp. shall file a Tier 1 advice letter to establish the interim rates and memorandum account.

This advice letter filing is in response to that ruling.

Request

Liberty Park Water is requesting interim rates for its service area and to establish an Interim Rates Memorandum Account to track the difference between the interim rates and the final rates adopted by the Commission in this proceeding.

The interim rates are increased by the April 2025 U.S. Cities Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, resulting in a revenue requirement increase of \$985,707 or 2.30% of Liberty Park Water's 2025 adopted revenue requirement.

Revision to Preliminary Statement

Liberty Park Water proposes to revise its Preliminary Statement to include Part SS, Interim Rates Memorandum Account ("IRMA"). The purpose of the IRMA is to track the difference between the interim rates and the final rates adopted by the Commission in this proceeding for the 2025-2027 rate case cycle.

A copy of the ALJ's ruling is attached to this advice letter as Attachment A

Tier Designation

Pursuant to the ALJ's ruling, this advice letter is submitted with a Tier 1 designation.

Effective Date

Pursuant to the ALJs ruling, Liberty Park Water is requesting that this filing become effective July 1, 2025.

Notice and Service

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 June 4, 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.24-01-002 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 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 Division of Water 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 Park Water, addressed to:

Tiffany Thong 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

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 <u>Tiffany.Thong@libertyutilities.com</u>.

Sincerely,

LIBERTY UTILITIES (PARK WATER) CORP.

/s/ Tiffany Thong

Tiffany Thong Manager, Rates and Regulatory Affairs

Attachment

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cc: Hani Moussa, Public Advocates Office, mani.moussa@cpuc.ca.gov Public Advocates Office, PublicAdvocatesWater@cpuc.ca.gov

Attachment 1 Advice 346-W

| Cal P.U.C. Sheet No. | Title of Sheet | Cancelling Cal P.U.C. Sheet No. |
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| 1654-W | SCHEDULE NO. PR-1-NR NON-RESIDENTIAL METERED SERVICE Sheet 1 | 1646-W |
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| 1656-W | SCHEDULE NO. PR-4F NON-METERED FIRE SPRINKLER SERVICE Sheet 1 | 1648-W |
| 1657-W | SCHEDULE NO. PR-6 RECLAIMED WATER SERVICE Sheet 1 | 1649-W |
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SCHEDULE NO. PR-1-NR

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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

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| | Quantity Rates: | | |
| | All water used per 100 cu. ft. | \$ 5.983 | (I) |
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| | | Per Meter | |
| | Service Charges: | Per Month | |
| | For 5/8 x ¾-inch meter | \$ 39.64 | (I) |
| | For ¾-inch meter | \$ 59.47 | Ĭ |
| | For 1-inch meter | \$ 99.11 | |
| | For 1 ½-inch meter | \$ 198.21 | |
| | For 2-inch meter | \$ 317.13 | |
| | For 3-inch meter | \$ 594.62 | |
| | For 4-inch meter | \$ 991.03 | |
| | For 6-inch meter | | |
| | For 8-inch meter | | |
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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.

Revised Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No. 1655-W Revised Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No. 1647-W

SCHEDULE NO. PR-1-R

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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\$ 4.487 | | (I) |
|---|------------|------------|
| Tier 2 – 7 through 18, 100 cubic feet\$ 5.983 | 3 | (I) |
| Tier 3 – All over 18, 100 cubic feet\$ 10.110 |) | (I) |
| | Per Meter | |
| Service Charge: | Per Month | |
| For 5/8 x ³ / ₄ -inch meter | .\$ 39.64 | (I) |
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| For 1-inch meter | .\$ 99.11 | |
| For 1 ½-inch meter | \$ 198.21 | |
| For 2-inch meter | \$ 317.13 | |
| For 3-inch meter | \$ 594.62 | |
| For 4-inch meter | \$ 991.03 | |
| For 6-inch meter | \$1,982.06 | |
| For 8-inch meter | \$3,171.30 | |
| For 10-inch meter | \$4,558.74 | |
| For 12-inch meter | \$6,540.81 | (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. 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-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

| | Per Meter | |
|-------------------|-----------|-----|
| Service Charge: | Per Month | |
| For 2-inch meter | \$ 27.27 | (I) |
| For 3-inch meter | | Ϊ |
| For 4-inch meter | 64.31 | |
| For 6-inch meter | | |
| For 8-inch meter | 169.37 | |
| For 10-inch meter | 246.13 | |
| For 12-inch meter | 354.54 | (i) |

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

- 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.

Revised Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No. 1657-W Revised Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No. 1649-W

SCHEDULE NO. PR-6

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\$ 4.612

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RECLAIMED WATER SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all meter reclaimed water service.

For all water delivered per 100 cubic feet

TERRITORY

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

RATES

Quantity Rate:

Per Meter Service Charge: Per Month For 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter\$ 39.64 (I) For ¾-inch meter\$ For 1-inch meter\$ 99.11 For 1 ½-inch meter\$ For 2-inch meter\$ For 8-inch meter\$3,171.30 **(I)**

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.
- 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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PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

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RR. Drinking Water Fees Balancing Account

1. Purpose

The purpose of the Drinking Water Fees Balancing Account (DWFBA) is to track the difference between all actual drinking water fees charged by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) (based upon the revised fee schedule adopted by the State Board on September 22, 2021, and any subsequent revisions) and the drinking water fees authorized in rates.

2. Applicability

Liberty Park Water shall maintain the DWFBA by making entries at the end of each month as follows:

- a. A debit entry shall be made to the DWFBA at the end of each month to record the difference between actual drinking water fees and adopted drinking water fees.
- b. Pursuant to Standard Practice U-27-W of the Water Division, interest shall accrue to the DWFBA on a monthly basis by applying a rate equal to one twelfth of the 3-month non-financial Commercial Paper Rate, as reported in the Federal Reserve Statistical Release, to the average of the beginning-of-month and the end-of month balances. H.15, (NFCP>M3.txt">http://www.federalreserve.gov/Releases//H15>NFCP>M3.txt), or its successor publication (debit or credit).
- Effective Date

The DWFBA shall go into effect on the effective date of Liberty Park Water's Advice Letter 320-W, which December 15, 2021.

4. Disposition

Disposition of amounts recorded in the DWFBA shall be determined in Liberty Park Water's next General Rate Case application, or as otherwise determined by the Commission if the account's cumulative balance exceeds 2% of Liberty Park Water's adopted gross revenues. The recovery of over/under collections will be passed on to the customers through volumetric surcredits or surcharges.

SS. Interim Rates Memorandum Account

1. Purpose

The purpose of the Interim Rates Memorandum Account ("IRMA") is to track the difference between the interim rates and the final rates adopted by the Commission in A.24-01-002, et al, for rate case cycle 2025-2027. The authority to establish this account was granted in Administrative Law Judge Melvin's ("ALJ") ruling dated May 30, 2025 in A.24-01-002, et al.

2. Applicability

The IRMA applies to all areas served.

3. Effective Date

The IRMA will become effective on July 1, 2025.

4. Disposition

The IRMA will remain in effect until a decision is reached in Liberty Park Water's A.24-01-002, et al, and the new rates are implemented at which time Liberty Park Water will file an Advice Letter requesting amortization of the balance.

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| Rate Schedules: | vv, 1490-vv, 1410-vv |
| Schedule No. PR-1-R Residential Metered Service | (T) (6-W, 1621-W, 1622-W (T) (6-W, 1625-W, 1626-W (T) (7-W, 1627-W, 1628-W (T) |
| No. 1 Definitions No. 2 Description of Service No. 3 Application for Service No. 4 Contracts No. 5 Special Information Required on Forms | |

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