

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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January 3, 2024

Tiffany Thong
Manager, Rates and Regulatory Affairs
Liberty Utilities (Park Water) Corp.
9750 Washburn Road
Downey, CA 90241

Dear Ms. Thong,

The Water Division of the California Public Utilities Commission has approved Liberty Utilities' (Park Water) Advice Letter No. 340, filed on December 15, 2023, regarding authorization to revise its Schedule No. UF.

Enclosed are copies of the following revised tariff sheets, effective January 1, 2024, for the utility's files:

P.U.C.	
Sheet No.	Title of Sheet
1634-W	Schedule No. UF, Surcharge to Fund Public Utilities Commission Reimbursement Fee, Sheet 1
1635-W	Table of Contents, Sheet 1

Please contact Jeremy Ho at JRY@cpuc.ca.gov or 415-703-1905, if you have any questions.

Thank you.

Enclosures

**CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
DIVISION OF WATER AND AUDITS**

Advice Letter Cover Sheet

Utility Name: Liberty Utilities (Park Water) Corp. **Date Mailed to Service List:** December 15, 2023
District: N/A
CPUC Utility #: U 314-W **Protest Deadline (20th Day):** January 4, 2024
Advice Letter #: 340-W **Review Deadline (30th Day):** January 14, 2024
Tier 1 2 3 Compliance **Requested Effective Date:** January 1, 2024
Authorization Resolution M-4870 **Rate Impact:** N/A
Description: Liberty Park Water submits this advice letter to revise its Schedule No. UF.

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WITHDRAWN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. 340-W

December 15, 2023

TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Liberty Utilities (Park Water) Corp. (U 346-W) (“Liberty Park Water”) respectfully submits the attached revised tariff sheets applicable to water service in its service territory.

Summary

This advice letter is submitted to revise Schedule No UF, Surcharge to Fund Public Utilities Commission Reimbursement Account Fee (“PUCURA”) user fees, to reflect the updated fee for Water Corporations for fiscal year 2023-2024.

On December 14, 2023, the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) approved Resolution M-4870, in which it set forth the levels of PUCURA for fiscal year 2023-2024. Effective January 1, 2024, the current user fee of 0.8% will decrease to 0.7%.

Background

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC or Commission) uses 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:

- (a) 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 or subscribers and subject to the jurisdiction of the commission other than a railroad, except as otherwise provided in Article 2 (commencing with Section 421).
- (b) 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.
- (c) This article shall not apply to any electrical cooperative as defined in Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 2776) of Part 2.
- (d) On and after January 1, 1985, this article shall apply to radiotelephone utilities as defined in Section 4902 as those provisions read on December 31, 1984.
- (e) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2020.

Tier Designation

This advice letter is submitted with a Tier 1 designation.

Effective Date

Pursuant to Resolution M-4870, Liberty Park Water requests the revised tariff become effective on January 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 December 15, 2023 to competing and adjacent utilities and other utilities or interested parties having requested such notification.

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 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, please contact Tiffany Thong at Tiffany.Thong@libertyutilities.com.

Very truly yours,

LIBERTY UTILITIES (PARK WATER) CORP.

/s/ Tiffany Thong

Tiffany Thong
Manager, Rates and Regulatory Affairs

TT/as

cc: Hani Moussa, Public Advocates Office, (Hani.Moussa@cpuc.ca.gov)
Public Advocates Office, (PublicAdvocatesWater@cpuc.ca.gov)

Cal P.U.C. Sheet No.	Title of Sheet	Cancelling Cal P.U.C. Sheet No.
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SCHEDULE NO. UF

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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 0.70% (0.0070) surcharge will be added to all customer bills.

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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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