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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION HEARING REGARDING LIBERTY UTILITIES (PARK WATER) CORP. (LIBERTY PARK WATER) APPLICATION FOR A RATE INCREASE FOR ITS GENERAL RATE **CASE APPLICATION NO. 18-01-003**

You are invited to attend a Public Participation Hearing (PPH) on this proposed rate increase.

October 18, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Bellflower City Hall 16600 Civic Center Drive Bellflower, CA 90706

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION HEARING

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) is interested in your comments regarding the requested rate increase. The CPUC will hold two PPHs at the times and date above. The 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. PPHs will be the same and you are encouraged to attend the PPH that is most convenient for you. The PPH is for customers of Liberty Utilities (Park Water) Corp. (Liberty Park Water) to provide comments on any portion of this General Rate Case Application No. 18-01-003, before a CPUC Administrative Law Judge (Judge).

The hearings will be facilitated by the CPUC Judge that is presiding over this proceeding. All public comments from the PPHs will be included in the formal record of this application and become public record. One or more Commissioners may attend, but no decisions will be reached at these hearings. The hearings' location is wheelchair accessible. If you need a language or Sign interpreter or would like to request assisted listening devices, please contact the CPUC's Public Advisor's Office (PAO) at the address listed at the bottom of this notice at least five days in advance of the hearing date. If you cannot attend the PPH you may submit your comments via a letter or email to PAO.

#### **PROCEEDING INFORMATION**

On January 2, 2018, Liberty Park Water filed its GRC Application No. 18-01-003 with the CPUC requesting to increase revenues by \$1,110,000 (or 3.21%) in 2019 over current revenues, by \$1,776,769 (or 4.98%) in 2020, and by \$1,944,452 (or 5.24%) in 2021. If the CPUC approves this request, Liberty Park Water's revenues would increase by \$4,831,221 (or 13.97%) beginning January 1, 2019. The table below shows the yearly and total requested increases for each customer class.

(Dollars in Thousands)										
Customer Class	2019 Increase		2020 Increase		2021 Increase		<u>Total</u>			
							(2019-2021)			
Residential	706,789	3.07%	1,245,051	5.26%	1,386,828	5.66%	3,338,668			
Business	285,350	3.69%	366,848	4.53%	388,678	4.57%	1,040,876			
Industrial	16,892	5.90%	14,008	4.62%	12,862	4.07%	43,762			
Public Authority	61,588	3.14%	91,269	4.51%	100,324	4.73%	253,181			
Private Fire Service	6,669	2.83%	10,174	4.04%	5,695	2.06%	22,538			
Private Fire Hydrants	286	3.24%	457	5.02%	481	5.03%	1,224			
Temporary	3,073	1.45%	8,713	3.74%	10,716	4.17%	22,502			
Reclaimed	29,002	3.84%	40,274	5.35%	38,223	4.84%	107,499			
Total Water Revenues	1,109,648	3.24%	1,776,795	5.03%	1,943,807	5.29%	4,830,250			

The table below shows the proposed rate impacts of the increases on the average residential customer's bi-monthly (every two months) bill using 17.62 hundred cubic feet (Ccf) of water with a 5/8 inch x 3/4 inch meter. The table excludes applicable taxes and surcharges.

### **Rate Impact on Average Residential Customer's Bill**

Year	Present	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Amount of Bill	\$147.80	\$152.94	\$160.16	\$168.50
Amount of Increase		\$5.14	\$7.22	\$8.34
Percentage Increase		3.48%	4.72%	5.21%

## **OBTAINING A COPY OF THE APPLICATION AND MORE INFORMATION**

A copy of Liberty Park Water's Application No. 18-01-003 and related exhibits are available for review at the Liberty Park Water Office located at 9750 Washburn Road, Downey, CA 90241. If you need additional information, you may visit <u>https://libertyutilities.com</u> or call toll free (800) 727-5987. The application may also be viewed at the CPUC's Central Files Office by appointment. For more information, contact <u>aljcentralfilesid@cpuc.ca.gov</u> or (415) 703-2045.

## CPUC PROCESS

This application has been assigned to a Judge who will determine how to receive evidence and other related documents, necessary for the CPUC to establish a record upon which to base its decision. Evidentiary hearings were held where parties of record presented their testimony and were subject to cross-examination before the Judge. These hearings are open to the public, but only those who are parties of record may present evidence or cross-examine witnesses. After considering all proposals and all evidence presented during the formal hearing process, the Judge will issue a proposed decision which may adopt all or part of Liberty Park Water's request, modify, or deny the application. Any of the five CPUC Commissioners may sponsor an alternate decision. The proposed decision, and any alternate decisions, will be discussed and voted on at a scheduled CPUC Voting Meeting.

The Public Advocates Office (Cal PA, formerly ORA) has reviewed this application. Cal PA is the independent consumer advocate within the CPUC with a legislative mandate to represent investor-owned utility customers to obtain the lowest possible rate for service consistent with reliable and safe service levels. For more information about Cal PA, please call (415) 703-1584, email <u>ora@cpuc.ca.gov</u> or visit Cal PA's website at www.publicadvocates.cpuc.ca.gov.

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Please refer to **Liberty Park Water's GRC Application No. 18-01-002** in any communications with the CPUC regarding this matter. These comments will become part of the public correspondence file for this proceeding and made available for review to the assigned Judge, the Commissioners, and appropriate CPUC staff.

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