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Advice Letter No.332-E

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California Public Utilities Commission

Golden State Water Company ("GSWC") hereby transmits one original and six conformed copies of the following tariff sheets applicable to its Bear Valley Electric Service ("BVES") division:

<u>CPUC Sheet No.</u>	<u>Title of Sheet</u>	<u>Canceling CPUC Sheet No.</u>
Original No. 2463-E	Preliminary Statement Part GG	
Revised No. 2464-E	Table of Contents Page 1 of 2	Revised No. 2462-E

SUBJECT: 2018 General Rate Case Memorandum Account

PURPOSE

GSWC is modifying its Preliminary Statement, to add Part GG, to reflect the establishment of the 2018 General Rate Case Memorandum Account ("GRC Memorandum Account"). The sole purpose of the GRC Memorandum Account is to record, beginning on January 1, 2018, existing BVES rates based on 2017 authorized revenue requirement in order to track the change in revenue requirement adopted in Application No. ("A.") 17-05-004 for a 2018 test year. The GRC Memorandum Account will be effective on January 1, 2018, and the California Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") anticipates issuing its final decision in A. 17-05-004 in May 2018. This advice letter is being filed in pursuant to Ordering Paragraph Nos. 1 and 2 in Decision No. ("D.") 17-11-008.

BACKGROUND

On May 1, 2017, GSWC, on behalf of its BVES Division filed its General Rate Case application for a 2018 test year. On August 25, 2017, the Assigned Commissioner's Ruling and Scoping Memo provided a schedule that anticipates a final decision in May 2018. It is clear that a final decision cannot be issued by the Commission prior to January 1, 2018, due to the almost mid-year application filing date and the procedural schedule. This advice letter is being filed to establish the GRC Memorandum Account because a final decision cannot be issued in A.17-05-004 prior to January 1, 2018, and the rates for the 2018 test-year will become effective on January 1, 2018.

Ordering Paragraph Nos. 1 and 2 in D. 17-11-008 state,

1. *Golden State Water Company on behalf of its Bear Valley Electric Service Division is authorized to establish a General Rate Case Revenue Requirement memorandum account to track the change in the revenue requirement adopted in this general rate case during the period between January 1, 2018 and the effective date of the final decision. Balances in this account shall accrue interest at the three-month commercial paper rate as set forth in the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve Statistical Release H.15 or its successor.*

2. *To establish the General Rate Case Revenue Requirement memorandum account (GRC memorandum account), within 15 days of the date of this decision, Golden State Water Company on behalf of its Bear Valley Electric Service Division shall file a Tier 1 advice letter to establish the GRC memorandum account. The Tier 1 advice letter shall include the proposed GRC memorandum account Tariff in the form set forth in Exhibit A included with the motion for authority to establish GRC memorandum account. The memorandum account shall become effective on January 1, 2018, upon Energy Division's determination that the advice letter filed is in compliance with is decision, unless the rates adopted in the final decision in this proceeding become effective by then.*

COMPLIANCE

GSWC is filing this advice letter under the directives in Ordering Paragraph Nos. 1 and 2 in D.17-11-008.

REVISIONS TO PRELIMINARY STATEMENTS

GSWC requests a modification to its Preliminary Statement to include Part GG, 2018 General Rate Case Memorandum Account. The purpose of this Tier 1 advice letter is to give effect to Ordering Paragraph No. 1, in D.17-11-008. The GRC Memorandum Account will track the change in the revenue requirement adopted in A.17-05-004 during the period between January 1, 2018 and the effective date of the Commission's final decision.

TIER DESIGNATION

In compliance with Ordering Paragraph No. 2 in D.17-11-008 this advice letter is submitted with a Tier 1 designation and requests that the GRC Memorandum Account be made effective on January 1, 2018.

NOTICE AND PROTESTS

A protest is a document objecting to the granting in whole or in part of the authority sought in this advice letter.

A response is a document that does not object to the authority sought, but nevertheless presents information that the party tendering the response believes would be useful to the CPUC in acting on the request.

A protest must be mailed within 20 days of the date the CPUC accepts the advice letter for filing. The Calendar is available on the CPUC's website at www.cpuc.ca.gov.

A protest must state the facts constituting the grounds for the protest, the effect that approval of the advice letter might have on the protestant, and the reasons the protestant believes the advice letter, or a part of it, is not justified. If the protest requests an evidentiary hearing, the protest must state the facts the protestant would present at an evidentiary hearing to support its request for whole or partial denial of the advice letter. The utility must respond to a protest with five days.

All protests and responses should be sent to:
California Public Utilities Commission, Energy Division
ATTN: Tariff Unit
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102
E-mail: EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov

Copies should also be mailed to the attention of the Director, Energy Division, Room 4004 (same address above).

Copies of any such protests should be sent to this utility at:
Golden State Water Company
ATTN: Ronald Moore
630 East Foothill Blvd.
San Dimas, CA 91773
Fax: 909-394-7427
E-mail: rkmoore@gswater.com

If you have not received a reply to your protest within 10 business days, contact Ronald Moore at (909) 394-3600 ext. 682.

No individuals or utilities have requested notification of filing of tariffs. A copy of this advice letter is being furnished to the entities listed on the service list for A.12-02-013 and to the attached BVES service list.

In accordance with Public Utilities Code Section 491, notice to the public is hereby given

by filing and keeping the advice letter filing open for public inspection at Bear Valley Electric Service and Golden State Water Company Headquarters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Moore", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ronald Moore
Senior Regulatory Analyst, Regulatory Affairs

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James Loewen - Energy Division
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PRELIMINARY STATEMENTS

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GG. 2018 GENERAL RATE CASE MEMORANDUM ACCOUNT

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1. Purpose

The 2018 General Rate Case Memorandum Account ("GRC Memorandum Account") will track the revenue differential between the Bear Valley Electric Service base rates in effect, as of December 31, 2017, and the Bear Valley Electric Service base rates adopted in GSWC's General Rate Case Application No. ("A.") 17-05-004. GSWC will track the differential beginning on January 1, 2018 until there is a final decision rendered in A.17-05-004. The GRC Memorandum Account is established pursuant to Decision No. 17-11-008.

2. Applicability

The GRC Memorandum Account does not have a rate component.

The GRC Memorandum Account shall include:

The monthly revenue differential between base rates in effect as of December 31, 2017 and the base rates adopted for 2018 in A.17-05-004, beginning on January 1, 2018.

Following the issuance of a final decision in A. 17-05-004, expected in May 2018, GSWC shall make entries in the GRC Memorandum Account for each month beginning January 2018 and ending the month the final decision is issued for A.17-05-004 as follows:

- a. A debit /credit entry shall be made to the GRC Memorandum Account each month to record the revenue differential discussed above.
- b. Interest shall accrue in the GRC Memorandum Account on a monthly basis by applying a rate equal to one-twelfth of the 3-month 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.

3. Effective Date

The GRC Memorandum Account shall go into effect on January 1, 2018.

4. Disposition

Disposition of amounts recorded in the GRC Memorandum Account shall be determined as authorized by the Commission.

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