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April 5, 2019

Advice Letter 361-E

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Subject: 2019 Winter Storms Memorandum Account

Dear Mr. Quan:

Advice Letter 361-E is effective as of January 05, 2019.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edward Randolph".

Edward Randolph
Deputy Executive Director for Energy and Climate Policy/
Director, Energy Division



ADVICE LETTER SUMMARY

ENERGY UTILITY



MUST BE COMPLETED BY UTILITY (Attach additional pages as needed)

Company name/CPUC Utility No.:

Utility type:

ELC GAS WATER
 PLC HEAT

Contact Person:

Phone #:
E-mail:
E-mail Disposition Notice to:

EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE

ELC = Electric GAS = Gas WATER = Water
PLC = Pipeline HEAT = Heat

(Date Submitted / Received Stamp by CPUC)

Advice Letter (AL) #:

Tier Designation:

Subject of AL:

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing):

AL Type: Monthly Quarterly Annual One-Time Other:

If AL submitted in compliance with a Commission order, indicate relevant Decision/Resolution #:

Does AL replace a withdrawn or rejected AL? If so, identify the prior AL:

Summarize differences between the AL and the prior withdrawn or rejected AL:

Confidential treatment requested? Yes No

If yes, specification of confidential information:

Confidential information will be made available to appropriate parties who execute a nondisclosure agreement. Name and contact information to request nondisclosure agreement/ access to confidential information:

Resolution required? Yes No

Requested effective date:

No. of tariff sheets:

Estimated system annual revenue effect (%):

Estimated system average rate effect (%):

When rates are affected by AL, include attachment in AL showing average rate effects on customer classes (residential, small commercial, large C/I, agricultural, lighting).

Tariff schedules affected:

Service affected and changes proposed¹:

Pending advice letters that revise the same tariff sheets:

¹Discuss in AL if more space is needed.

Protests and all other correspondence regarding this AL are due no later than 20 days after the date of this submittal, unless otherwise authorized by the Commission, and shall be sent to:

CPUC, Energy Division
Attention: Tariff Unit
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102
Email: EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov

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Utility Name:
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March 6, 2019

Advice Letter No. 361-E

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California Public Utilities Commission

Golden State Water Company (“GSWC”) hereby transmits for filing an original and two copies of this advice letter for its Bear Valley Electric Service (“BVES”) Division.

CPUC Sheet No.

Original No. 2653-E

Title of Sheet

Preliminary Statements
Part QQ

CPUC Sheet No.

Revised No. 2654-E

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Revised No. 2652-E

SUBJECT: 2019 Winter Storms Memorandum Account

PURPOSE

The purpose of this filing is to revise BVES’s Preliminary Statements to include the 2019 Winter Storms Memorandum Account (“2019WSMA”). The 2019WSMA will track the unanticipated incremental costs associated with the recent winter storms in San Bernardino County.

BACKGROUND

On February 21, 2019, California Governor Gavin Newsom issued a State of Emergency Proclamation for the Counties of Calaveras, El Dorado, Humboldt, Los Angeles, Marin, Mendocino, Modoc, Mono, Monterey, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Mateo, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, Shasta, Tehama, Trinity, Ventura, and Yolo – directs Caltrans to formally request immediate assistance through the Federal Highway Administration’s Emergency Relief Program and directs the Office of Emergency Services to provide assistance to local governments.

Excerpts from the governor’s proclamation states,

WHEREAS under the provisions of Government Code section 8558(b), I find that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property exist due to the winter storms in Calaveras, El Dorado, Humboldt, Los Angeles, Marin, Mendocino, Modoc, Mono, Monterey, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Mateo, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, Shasta, Tehama, Trinity, Ventura, and Yolo counties;

WHEREAS under the provisions of Government Code section 8558(b), I find that the conditions caused by the winter storms, by reason of their magnitude, are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of any single local government and require the combined forces of a mutual aid region or regions;

Government Code section 8558(b) states,

(b) "State of emergency" means the duly proclaimed existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the state caused by such conditions as air pollution, fire, flood, storm, epidemic, riot, drought, sudden and severe energy shortage, plant or animal infestation or disease, the Governor's warning of an earthquake or volcanic prediction, or an earthquake, or other conditions, other than conditions resulting from a labor controversy or conditions causing a "state of war emergency," which, by reason of their magnitude, are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of any single county, city and county, or city and require the combined forces of a mutual aid region or regions to combat, or with respect to regulated energy utilities, a sudden and severe energy shortage requires extraordinary measures beyond the authority vested in the California Public Utilities Commission.

A copy of the Governor's State of Emergency Proclamation is attached to this advice letter, see Attachment A.

CEMA ELIGIBILITY

The purpose of the 2019WSMA is to record all incremental costs associated with 1.) restoring utility services, 2.) repairing, replacing, or restoring damaged utility facilities, and 3.) complying with governmental agency orders in connection with events declared disasters. Incremental costs reflect those costs that are not already recovered through GSWC's water rates.

COMPLIANCE

In compliance with Commission Resolution No. E-3238, on March 1, 2019, GSWC notified the Commission's Executive Director and the Director of the Energy Division that it was activating a CEMA as a result of the Governor's State of Emergency Proclamation. GSWC is still assessing the impact that the winter storms had on the BVES service area. The 2019WSMA will record costs associated with 1) restoring utility services, 2) repairing, replacing or restoring damaged utility facilities, and 3) complying with government agency orders resulting from the declared disaster.

GSWC will work in cooperation with the various entities, such as California Department of Fire, the Office of Emergency Services and other California, federal and local

government agencies to ensure compliance with current statutes, regulations and ordinances.

REQUEST

GSWC is requesting authorization to add the 2019WSMA to BVES's Preliminary Statements to track unanticipated incremental costs associated with the recent winter storms. Costs recorded will include, but not limited to, repairing or replacing damaged utility infrastructure and outside services.

GSWC has approximately 24,300 service connections in its BVES service territory.

MEMORANDUM ACCOUNT TREATMENT

GSWC is aware that a memorandum account is not a guarantee of eventual recovery of expenses, nor is it carried as a regular account under the uniform system of accounts for water utilities. It is carried "off the books" as a memorandum account. Further, it is also known that the California Public Utilities Commission policy on memorandum account treatment has always been that the burden of proof of the reasonableness of expenses charged to the account is the responsibility of the utility requesting reimbursement of such expenses.

TIER DESIGNATION

This advice letter is designated as Tier 1 and shall have an effective date of January 5, 2019.

NOTICE AND PROTESTS

No individuals or utilities have requested notification of filing of tariffs. In accordance with General Order 96-B, a copy of this advice letter is being furnished to the entities listed on the attached service list by either providing them a copy electronically or by mailing them a copy hereof, properly stamped and addressed.

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
Attention: Tariff Unit
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

A copy of the protest should also be sent via e-mail to the attention of the ED Tariff Unit (EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov) ATTN: Tariff Unit

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: Nguyen Quan
630 East Foothill Blvd.
San Dimas, CA 91773
Fax: (909) 394-7427
E-mail: nquan@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.

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 yours,



Nguyen Quan
Manager, Regulatory Affairs

c: Edward Randolph, Director, Energy Division
Franz Cheng, Energy Division
R. Mark Pocta, Cal PA

PRELIMINARY STATEMENTS
(Continued)

QQ. 2019 Winter Storms Memorandum Account

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Purpose

The purpose of the 2019 Winter Storms Memorandum Account ("2019WSMA") is to track unanticipated incremental administrative and operation expenses related to the winter storms that started on January 5, 2019.

On February 21, 2019, California Governor Gavin Newsom issued a State of Emergency Proclamation for the Counties of Calaveras, El Dorado, Humboldt, Los Angeles, Marin, Mendocino, Modoc, Mono, Monterey, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Mateo, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, Shasta, Tehama, Trinity, Ventura, and Yolo – directs Caltrans to formally request immediate assistance through the Federal Highway Administration’s Emergency Relief Program and directs the Office of Emergency Services to provide assistance to local governments.

The 2019WSMA shall include:

All incremental administrative and operations expenses incurred that are directly related to the 2019 winter storms in San Bernardino County, such as, but not limited to, 1.) incremental costs to restore utility services, 2.) incremental costs for repairing, replacing or restoring damaged utility facilities, and 3.) costs complying with government agency orders resulting from the declared state of emergency.

GSWC shall maintain the 2019WSMA by making entries at the end of each month as follows:

- a. A debit entry shall be made to the 2019WSMA at the end of each month to record the expenses.
- b. A debit entry equal to interest on the balance in the account at the beginning of the month and half the balance after the above entry (a.), at a rate equal to one-twelfth of the rate on three-month Commercial Paper, as reported in the Federal Reserve Statistical Release, H.15 or its successor.

Effective Date

The 2019WSMA shall have an effective date of January 5, 2019.

Memorandum Account Period

The 2019WSMA shall remain in effect until the Governor’s State of Emergency Proclamation for the winter storms is lifted.

Disposition

Disposition of amounts recorded in the 2019WSMA shall be determined in a regulatory proceeding authorized by the Commission.

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R. J. Sprowls

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President

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Attachment A

Governor Newsom Declares State of Emergency in Counties Across California Due to Winter Storms

Published: Feb 21, 2019

SACRAMENTO – Governor Gavin Newsom issued an emergency proclamation to help communities respond to and recover from severe winter storms that have caused flooding, mudslides, erosion, power outages, and damage to critical infrastructure.

The emergency proclamation – issued for the counties of Calaveras, El Dorado, Humboldt, Los Angeles, Marin, Mendocino, Modoc, Mono, Monterey, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Mateo, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, Shasta, Tehama, Trinity, Ventura, and Yolo – directs Caltrans to formally request immediate assistance through the Federal Highway Administration’s Emergency Relief Program and directs the Office of Emergency Services to provide assistance to local governments.

An attested copy of the proclamation can be found [here](#) and the full text is below:

PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS beginning on January 5, 2019, an atmospheric river system swept across California, bringing high winds, substantial precipitation, and flooding, significantly impacting counties throughout the State; and

WHEREAS atmospheric river systems continued to impact California throughout January and into February 2019; and

WHEREAS beginning on February 12, 2019, another significant atmospheric river system swept across California, resulting in additional widespread damage; and

WHEREAS these winter storms caused extensive snowfall, high winds, dangerous flash flooding, erosion, widespread power outages, and mud and debris flows; and

WHEREAS these winter storms caused damage to critical infrastructure and to roads and highways throughout the State; and

WHEREAS under the provisions of Government Code section 8558(b), I find that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property exist due to the winter storms in Calaveras, El Dorado, Humboldt, Los Angeles, Marin, Mendocino, Modoc, Mono, Monterey, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Mateo, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, Shasta, Tehama, Trinity, Ventura, and Yolo counties;

WHEREAS under the provisions of Government Code section 8558(b), I find that the conditions caused by the winter storms, by reason of their magnitude, are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of any single local government and require the combined forces of a mutual aid region or regions;

WHEREAS under the provisions of Government Code section 8625(c), I find that local authority is inadequate to cope with the magnitude of the damage caused by the winter storms;

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM, Governor of the State of California, in accordance with the authority vested in me by the State Constitution and statutes, including the California Emergency Services Act, and in particular, Government Code section 8625, **HEREBY PROCLAIM A STATE OF EMERGENCY** to exist in Calaveras, El Dorado, Humboldt, Los Angeles, Marin, Mendocino, Modoc, Mono, Monterey, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Mateo, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, Shasta, Tehama, Trinity, Ventura, and Yolo counties.*

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. *All agencies of the state government utilize and employ state personnel, equipment, and facilities for the performance of any and all activities related to this state of emergency consistent with the direction of my Office of Emergency Services and the State Emergency Plan.*
2. *The California Department of Transportation shall formally request immediate assistance through the Federal Highway Administration's Emergency Relief Program, United States Code, Title 23, section 125, in order to obtain federal assistance for highway repairs or reconstruction.*
3. *The Office of Emergency Services shall provide assistance, as appropriate, under the authority of the California Disaster Assistance Act, California Government Code section 8680 et seq. and California Code of Regulations, Title 19, section 2900 et seq.*

I FURTHER DIRECT that as soon as hereafter possible, this proclamation be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State and that widespread publicity and notice be given of this proclamation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st day of February 2019.

GAVIN NEWSOM

Governor of California

ATTEST:

ALEX PADILLA

Secretary of State