

August 8, 2012

Advice Letter No. 272-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:

CPUC Sheet No. Original No. 2032-E	<u>Title of Sheet</u> Preliminary Statements Part BB	Canceling CPUC Sheet No.
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SUBJECT: General Rate Case Revenue Requirement Memorandum Account

PURPOSE

GSWC is modifying its Preliminary Statement, to add Part BB, to reflect the establishment of the General Rate Case Revenue Requirement Memorandum Account ("GRCRRMA"). The sole purpose of the GRCRRMA is to record, beginning on January 1, 2013, existing BVES rates based on 2012 authorized revenue requirement in order to track the change in revenue requirement adopted in Application No. ("A.") 12-02-013 for 2013. The GRCRRMA will only be activated if there is a delay in the rendering of a final decision in A. 12-02-013, which is expected to be issued prior to January 1, 2013. This advice letter is being filed in accordance with Ordering Paragraph Nos. 1 and 2 in Decision No. ("D.") 12-08-006.

BACKGROUND

GSWC filed its application for a test year 2013 General Rate Case in February 2012 for BVES. The current Rate Case Plan imposes various substantive and procedural requirements for energy utility general rate cases, including a timeline for processing the application filing. Based on GSWC's application filing date and the Rate Case Plan schedule, a final decision on this matter would be issued by January 1, 2013. The Assigned Commissioner's Ruling and Scoping Memo, dated May 14, 2012, provided a schedule that anticipates a final decision before January 1, 2013. This advice letter is being filed just in

case an unforeseen delay in the processing of A. 12-02-013 occurs. Ordering Paragraph Nos. 1 and 2 in D. 12-08-006 states,

- 1. Golden State Water Company on behalf of its Bear Valley Electric Service Division is authorized to establish a memorandum account to track the change in the revenue requirement adopted in this general rate case during the period between January 1, 2013 and any later effective date of the final decision. Balances in this account must 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, Golden State Water Company must file, within 30 days of the date of this decision, a Tier 1 advice letter to establish the General Rate Case Revenue Requirement Memorandum Account. The advice letter will become effective on January 1, 2013, subject to Energy Division's determination that the advice letter is in compliance with this 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. 12-08-006.

REVISIONS TO PRELIMINARY STATEMENTS

GSWC requests a revision to its Preliminary Statements to include Part BB, General Rate Case Revenue Requirement Memorandum Account. The purpose of this Tier 1 advice letter is to give effect to Ordering Paragraph No. 1, in D. 12-08-006. The GRCRRMA will track the change in the revenue requirement adopted in A. 12-02-013 during the period between January 1, 2013 and the effective date of the final decision.

TIER DESIGNATION

In compliance with Ordering Paragraph No. 2 in D. 12-08-006, this advice letter is submitted with a Tier 1 designation and requests that the General Rate Case Revenue Requirement Memorandum Account be made effective on January 1, 2013.

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.

Ronald Moore

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Mark Pocta - Division of Ratepayer Advocates

Service List for A.12-02-013

GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY

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PRELIMINARY STATEMENTS

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BB. GENERAL RATE CASE REVENUE REQUIREMENT MEMORANDUM ACCOUNT

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1. Purpose

The General Rate Case Revenue Requirement Memorandum Account ("GRCRRMA") will track the revenue differential between the Bear Valley Electric Service 2012 Revenue Requirement and the 2013 Revenue Requirement, adopted in GSWC's General Rate Case Application No. 12-02-013. GSWC will track the differential beginning on January 1, 2013 until there is a final decision rendered in Application No. 12-02-013. The GRCRRMA is established pursuant to Ordering Paragraph No. 1 in Decision No. 12-08-006.

Note: If a final decision is rendered in Application No. 12-02-013 before January 1, 2013, as planned, then the GRCRRMA will not go into effect.

2. Applicability

The GRCRRMA does not have a rate component.

The GRCRRMA shall include:

The monthly revenue differential between 2012 Revenue Requirement and the Revenue Requirement adopted for 2013 in Application No. 12-02-013, beginning on January 1, 2013.

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

- A debit /credit entry shall be made to the GRCRRMA at the end of each month to record a. the revenue differential discussed above.
- Interest shall accrue to the GRCRRMA 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 GRCRRMA shall go into effect on January 1, 2013.

4. Disposition

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Disposition of amounts recorded in the GRCRRMA shall be determined in a subsequent Regulatory proceeding, as authorized by the Commission.

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ISSUED BY

R. J. SPROWLS

Decision No. 12-08-006

President

Date Filed: August 8, 2012

Effective Date: <u>January 1, 2013</u>

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