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Advice Letter 295-E

Ronald Moore Regulatory Affairs Golden State Water Company 630 East Foothill Boulevard San Dimas, CA 91773

Subject: Shell and EDF Agreements Memorandum Account

Dear Mr. Moore:

Advice Letter 295-E is effective December 11, 2014.

Sincerely,

Edward F. Randolph, Director

Energy Division





December 11, 2014

Advice Letter No. 295-E

(U 913-E)

California Public Utilities Commission

Attention:

Energy Division

Advice Letter Filing Room 4005

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

CPUC Sheet No.

Title of Sheet

Canceling
CPUC Sheet No.

Revised No. 2201-E

Preliminary Statement

Original No. 1652-E*

Part U

Revised No. 2202-E

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Subject: Revision of Preliminary Statement, Part U, Shell Agreement Memorandum Account

Purpose

BVES is seeking approval to revise its Preliminary Statement, Part U, Shell Agreement Memorandum Account, to convert it to a non-interest bearing memorandum account to record the unrealized gains and losses otherwise imputed to the Shell and EDF power purchase agreements ("Agreements") as a consequence of complying with the Financial Account Standards Board's (FASB) Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 133, "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities." This advice letter filing is in compliance with Ordering Paragraph No. 8 in the California Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") Decision No. ("D.") 14-12-003, which states,

8. Golden State Water Company's Bear Valley Electric Service Division shall establish a non-interest bearing memorandum account to record refunds or under-collections to offset the unrealized gains or losses of the Shell Energy North America (US) L.P. agreements and the EDF Trading North America, LLC agreements created by the financial reporting impacts of the Financial Account Standards Board's Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 133, "accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities." Golden State Water Company's Bear Valley Electric Service Division shall file a Tier 1 Advice Letter, pursuant to General Order 96B, Energy Industry Rules §5.1(1).

This advice filing modifies BVES' Preliminary Statement, Part U, and renames it to the Shell and EDF Agreements Memorandum Account ("SEAMA").

BVES will track, solely for financial reporting purposes during the life of the power purchase agreements, any unrealized gains or losses on the outstanding balance of the contract and record either an offsetting "refund" to ratepayers of an imputed market gain or an under collection of an imputed market loss. During the contract performance, BVES will record and recover only its actual costs under the terms of the contract for energy delivered to retail customers.

Background

On June 28, 2013, BVES filed Application No. ("A.") 13-06-018 for the pre-approval of four proposed power purchase agreements with EDF Trading North America, LLC ("EDF") and Shell Energy North America (US) L.P. ("Shell"). The Application includes an executed Master Agreement with EDF, EDF Annual Base-load Confirmation, and EDF Call Option Confirmation. BVES also requested the pre-approval of the Shell Seasonal Base-load Confirmation and the Shell Resource Adequacy Confirmation under an existing master Power Purchase and Sale Agreement with Shell.¹ The Commission granted confidential status to these Confirmations.

BVES requested that the Commission create a two-phase proceeding. The first phase would consider pre-approval requests for the EDF and Shell proposed purchase power agreements terms and conditions approval of an executed EDF Master Agreement, a confidential benchmark price methodology and a memorandum account to track unrealized gains and losses. The second phase would consider a proposed alternative approval process for future power purchases agreements. BVES' application was unopposed.

The SEAMA shall record any unrealized gains or losses on the outstanding balance of the contracts and record either an offsetting "refund" to ratepayers of an imputed market gain or an under collection of an imputed market loss. The contracts pertain to the annual energy base-load, the seasonal energy base-load, the energy call option, and the resource adequacy.

Memorandum Account Treatment

GSWC is aware that a memorandum account is not a guarantee of eventual recovery of expenses. It is carried "off the books", as a memorandum account. Further, it is also

¹ The Shell Master Power Purchase and Sale Agreement was approved by the Commission in D.09-05-025 and remains in full force and effect.

known that 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 and Effective Date

In compliance with Ordering Paragraph No. 8 in D.14-12-003, this advice letter is submitted with a Tier 1 designation and BVES requests that the SEAMA be made effective on December 11, 2014.

Notice and Protests

A copy of this filing has been served on the utilities and interested parties shown on the attached list, including interested parties to service list A.13-06-018 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

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: 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.

Correspondence

Any correspondence regarding this compliance filing should be sent by regular mail or email to the attention of:

Ronald Moore Regulatory Affairs Golden State Water Company 630 East Foothill Blvd. San Dimas, California 91773

Email: rkmoore@gswater.com

The protest shall set forth the grounds upon which it is based. There is no restriction on who may file a protest.

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

Sincerely

Regulatory Affairs Dept.

Golden State Water Company

c: Edward Randolph, Director, CPUC- Energy Division Donald Lafrenz, CPUC- Energy Division R. Mark Pocta, Office of Ratepayer Advocates Service List A.13-06-018

GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY (U-913-E)

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SAN DIMAS, CA 91773-9016

Revised Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No. 2201-E

Canceling Original Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No. 1652-E*

PRELIMINARY STATEMENTS

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SHELL AND EDF AGREEMENTS MEMORANDUM ACCOUNT U.

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Golden State Water Company ("GSWC") shall maintain the Shell and EDF Agreements Memorandum Account ("SEAMA") for its Bear Valley Electric Service Division.

1. **PURPOSE**

The purpose of the SEAMA is to track the unrealized gains and losses otherwise imputed to the Shell and EDF agreements as a consequence of complying with the Financial Account Standards Board's (FASB) Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 133, "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities." This memorandum account is in compliance with Ordering Paragraph No. 8 in Decision No. 14-12-003

2. **APPLICABILITY**

The SEAMA applies to all customer classes, except for those specifically excluded by the Commission.

RATES 3.

The SEAMA does not have a rate component.

ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES

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

- Entries shall be made to the SEAMA at the end of each month to record the a. unrealized gain or loss attributable to the application of SFAS 133 to the Shell and EDF agreements approved by the Commission in Decision D.14-12-003
- b. This is a non-interest bearing memorandum account.

EFFECTIVE DATE

The SEAMA shall go into effect on the effective date of Advice Letter No. 295-E.

DISPOSITION

At the conclusion of the memorandum account's operation, the account will be reversed and no additional costs will be recovered from (or refunded to) ratepayers as noted in the Commission's decision establishing this memorandum account.

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ISSUED BY

R.I. SPROWLS n.....

Date Filed December 11, 2014 Effective Date: December 11, 2014

Advice Letter No. 295-E Decision No. 14-12-002

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Canceling Revised Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No. 2200-E

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R.J. SPROWLS

GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY

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CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

ADVICE LETTER FILING SUMMARY ENERGY UTILITY

MUST BE COMPLETED BY UTILITY (Attach additional pages as needed)					
Company name/CPUC Utility No. Golden State Water Company (DBA Bear Valley Electric Service)/ 913-E					
Utility type:	Contact Person: Ronald Moore				
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EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE (Date Filed/ Received Stamp by CPUC)					
ELC = Electric GAS = Gas					
PLC = Pipeline HEAT = Heat WATER = Water					
Advice Letter (AL) #: 295-E					
Subject of AL: Shell and EDF Agreements Memorandum Account					
Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): Compliance					
AL filing type: Monthly Quarterly Annual One-Time Other					
If AL filed in compliance with a Commission order, indicate relevant Decision/Resolution #: D.14-12-003					
Does AL replace a withdrawn or rejected AL? If so, identify the prior AL No					
Summarize differences between the AL and the prior withdrawn or rejected AL1: N/A					
Resolution Required? No Tier Designation 1					
Requested effective date: December 11	Tier Designation 1 No. of tariff sheets: 2				
Estimated system annual revenue effect: (%): None					
Estimated system average rate effect (%): None					
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: Preliminary Statement, Table of Contents Page 1 of 2					
Service affected and changes proposed¹: None					
Pending advice letters that revise the same tariff sheets: None					
Protests and all other correspondence regarding this AL are due no later than 20 days after the date of this filing, unless otherwise authorized by the Commission, and shall be sent to:					
CPUC, Energy Division	Golden State Water Company				
Attention: Tariff Unit	Attention: Ronald Moore				
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¹ Discuss in AL if more space is needed.