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Advice Letter No. 624

TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

San Jose Water Company (U-168-W) (SJWC) hereby transmits for filing the following changes in tariff sheets applicable to its service area and which are attached here to:

CPUC Sheet No.	Title of Sheet	Canceling CPUC Sheet No.
2386-W	Rule No. 15: Main Extensions (continued)	731-W
2387-W	Table of Contents (continued)	2320-W
2388-W	Table of Contents	2385-W

Purpose

San Jose Water Company (SJWC) seeks authority to revise Rule No. 15, Section C.2.b of its tariffs to align the refund-timing language with that contained in Great Oaks Water Company's (GOWC) Rule No. 15. The proposed revision updates only Section C.2.b to incorporate the exact language originally prescribed by the California Public Utilities Commission in Decision (D.) 82-01-062. All other portions of Rule No. 15 remain unchanged.

SJWC submits this request as a Tier 2 advice letter pursuant to Water Industry Rule 8.2 of General Order 96-B, which provides:

8.2 Request for Similar Treatment (see Industry Rule 7.3.2. (8))

A utility may submit an advice letter requesting approval, authorization, or other relief similar to that accorded another Utility by Commission order. The advice letter shall cite each decision or resolution relied upon and shall demonstrate that the utility is similarly situated in all material respects, seeking the same relief on the same justification as set forth in the cited order(s).

Background

In Decision (D) 82-01-062, the Commission adopted the Uniform Water Main Extension Rule for all water utilities. Ordering Paragraph No. 1 states:

Within sixty days after the effective date of this order, each water utility is authorized and ordered to file a revised water main extension rule substantially in conformance with the rules set forth in Appendix A attached to this decision and to concurrently withdraw and cancel its presently effective water main extension rule. Such filing shall comply with General Order No. 96-A.

Most Class A water utilities, including SJWC, subsequently filed water main extension rules substantially conforming to Appendix A of D.82-01-062, including the following refund provision as follows:

C.2.b Payment of refunds shall be made not later than June 30 of the year following the calendar year in which the revenues are received, or not later than 6 months after the contract anniversary date if on an anniversary date basis.

However, SJWC along with many other Class A water utilities adopted the following alternative language:

C.2.b Payment of refunds shall be made not later than June 30 of each year, beginning the year following execution of contract, or not later than 6 months after the contract anniversary date if on an anniversary date basis.

Although SJWC's current language is substantially in conformance with Appendix A of D.82-01-062, it inherently assumes that a main extension will be constructed and serving customers within one year of executing the main extension contract. While the length of time to construct a typical main extension may have been less than one year in 1982, this is no longer the case as typical water infrastructure construction projects (including main extensions) can and frequently require more than one year to complete. As a result, the current tariff language in Section C.2.b of Rule No. 15 can potentially be interpreted as requiring refunds to begin before the construction is complete and before the main extension is serving customers and generating revenue.

Discussion

To ensure consistency with the uniform rule adopted in D.82-01-62 and to protect existing customers, SJWC proposes revising Section C.2.b to match the exact refund-timing language as set forth in Appendix A. This revision ensures that refunds begin only after the main extension is operational and generating revenue, thereby improving alignment with the principle that main extensions should be self-supporting.

GOWC currently utilizes the exact Appendix A language, and SJWC seeks to adopt the same Commission prescribed provision. Only Section C.2b is being revised; all other elements of Rule No.15 remain unchanged and continue to conform to the Commission's approved Uniform Main Extension Rule.

SJWC and GOWC are both Class A water utilities subject to the Uniform Water Main Extension Rule adopted in D.82-01-062. SJWC is seeking the same relief under the same justification and is similarly situated in all material respects.

Effective Date

San Jose Water Company requests that this filing become effective on February 02, 2026.

Notice

In compliance with Paragraph 4.3 of General Order (GO) 96-B, a copy of this advice letter has been emailed to all interested and affected parties as detailed in the service list.

Protests and Responses

Anyone may respond to or protest this advice letter. A response does not oppose the filing but presents information that may prove useful to the Commission in evaluating the advice letter. A protest objects to the advice letter in whole or in part and must set forth the specific grounds on which it is based. These grounds may include the following:

- (1) The utility did not properly serve or give notice of the advice letter;
- (2) The relief requested in the advice letter would violate statute or Commission order, or is not authorized by statute or Commission order on which the utility relies;
- (3) The analysis, calculations, or data in the advice letter contain material error or omissions;
- (4) The relief requested in the advice letter is pending before the Commission in a formal proceeding;
- (5) The relief requested in the advice letter requires consideration in a formal hearing, or is otherwise inappropriate for the advice letter process; or
- (6) The relief requested in the advice letter is unjust, unreasonable, or discriminatory (provided that such a protest may not be made where it would require relitigating a prior order of the Commission).

A response or protest must be made in writing or by electronic mail and must be received by the Water Division within 20 days of the date this advice letter is filed. The address for mailing or delivering a protest is:

Tariff Unit, Water Division, 3rd floor
California Public Utilities Commission,
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102
water_division@cpuc.ca.gov

On the same date the response or protest is submitted to the Water Division, the respondent or protestant shall send a copy of the protest by mail to us, addressed to:

Regulatory Affairs
San Jose Water Company
110 West Taylor Street
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regulatoryaffairs@sjwater.com.

The advice letter process does not provide for any responses, protests or comments, except for the utility's reply, after the 20-day comment period. Public notice is not required.

SJWC has Advice Letter 619 pending before the commission.

This filing will not cause the withdrawal of service, nor conflict with other schedules or rules.

Very truly yours,

/s/ John Tang

JOHN TANG
Vice President of Regulatory Affairs

Rule No. 15
(continued)
MAIN EXTENSIONS

C. Extensions to Serve Subdivisions, Tracts, Housing Projects, Industrial Developments, Commercial Buildings, or Shopping Centers (continued)

2. Refunds

- b. Payment of refunds shall be made not later than June 30 of the year following the calendar year in which revenues are received, or not later than 6 months after the contract anniversary date if on an anniversary date basis. (T)
- c. Whenever costs of main extensions and/or special facilities have been advanced pursuant to Section C.1.a., C.1.b., or C.1.c., the utility shall annually refund to the contract holders an amount equal to 2-1/2 percent of the advances until the principal amounts of the contracts have been fully repaid.
- d. Whenever costs of special facilities have been advanced pursuant to Sections C.1.b., or C.1.c., the amount so advanced shall be divided by the number of lots (or living units, whichever is greater) which the special facilities are designed to serve, to obtain an average advance per lot (or living unit) for special facilities. When another builder applies for a main extension to serve any lots for which the special facilities are to be used, the new applicant shall, in addition to the costs of his proposed main extension, also advance an amount for special facilities. This amount shall be the average advance per lot for special facilities for each lot to be used less 2-1/2 percent of the average advance for each year in which refund have been due and payable on the original contract, prorated to June 30, or the contract anniversary date on a monthly basis.
- e. The amount advanced to the utility by the new applicant shall be immediately refunded to the holder of the original contract, which included the cost of the special facilities, and the original contract advance will be reduced accordingly. The utility will thenceforth refund 2-1/2 percent annually on each of the contract amounts, as determined above, to the holders of the contracts.
- f. Advances and refunds based on additional builder participation will be determined in a similar manner.
- g. In no case shall the refund on any contract exceed the amount advanced.

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