

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY WATER COMPANY

May 12, 2011

Advice Letter 397

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TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

San Gabriel Valley Water Company ("San Gabriel") hereby submits one original and four copies of the following changes in tariff sheets applicable to its Los Angeles County and Fontana Water Company divisions:

<u>CPUC Sheet No.</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Schedule No.</u>	<u>Canceling CPUC Sheet No.</u>
2009-W	California Alternative Rates for Water	LA-CARW	1978-W
2010-W	California Alternative Rates for Water (cont'd)	LA-CARW	1967-W
2011-W	California Alternative Rates for Water	FO-CARW	2006-W
2012-W	Notice & Application for California Alternative Rates for Water Program	Form 16-A	1925-W
2013-W	Notice & Application for California Alternative Rates for Water Program	Form 16-B	1926-W
2014-W	Table of Contents (cont.)	N/A	1981-W
2015-W	Table of Contents (cont.)	N/A	1928-W
2016-W	Table of Contents	N/A	2008-W

Purpose

The purpose of this advice letter is to update the income eligibility guidelines for San Gabriel's low-income ratepayer assistance program, CARW (California Alternative Rates for Water), as follows:

Household Size	From June 1, 2011 to May 31, 2012
1 – 2	\$31,800
3	\$37,400
4	\$45,100
5	\$52,800
6	\$60,500
Each Additional	\$7,700

Since this advice letter only updates the income eligibility guidelines and does not request a change in rates, a Commission resolution is not required for approval. **This advice letter is designated as a Tier 1 advice letter.**

Discussion

On May 5, 2005, the Commission in Ordering Paragraph No. 1 of Decision No. 05-05-015, in Application 03-04-025, adopted San Gabriel's proposed CARW program for both its Los Angeles County and Fontana Water Company divisions. San Gabriel's CARW program offers a reduction on monthly service charges to customers meeting the following criteria: (1) customer account is classified as residential, (2) housing unit is either a single family dwelling or duplex, (3) service is provided through a 1-inch or smaller meter, and (4) household income eligibility is met.

The household income eligibility, patterned after the energy utilities' CARE (California Alternative Rates for Energy) program, is updated annually by the Commission. On April 27, 2011, the Commission's Energy Division updated the household income eligibility for the forthcoming twelve months, June 1, 2011 to May 31, 2012. Accordingly, San Gabriel submits the attached tariff sheets with the updated income eligibility guidelines in the appended proposed tariffs, and requests an effective date of June 1, 2011.

The actions requested in this advice letter are not now the subject of any formal filings with the California Public Utilities Commission, including a formal complaint, nor action in any court.

Notice

No individuals or utilities have requested notification of filing of tariffs. Distribution of this advice letter is being made to the attached service list in accordance with General Order No. 96-B.

Protest and Responses

Anyone may respond to or protest this advice letter. A response supports the filing and may contain information that proves 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 are:

- (1) San Gabriel 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 San Gabriel 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 protest shall provide citations or evidence where available to allow staff to properly consider the protest.

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

Tariff Unit, Division of Water and Audits, 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 Division of Water and Audits, the respondent or protestant shall send a copy of the protest by mail to us, addressed to San Gabriel:

San Gabriel Valley Water Company
Director, Rates and Revenue
11142 Garvey Avenue
El Monte, CA 91733
FAX: (626)448-5530 or
E-mail dadellosa@sqvwater.com

If you have not received a reply to your protest within 10 business days, contact me at (626) 448-6183.

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Cities and counties that need approval of their Board of Supervisors or Board of Commissioners to protest should inform the Division of Water and Audits, within the 20 day protest period, so that a late filed protest can be entered. The informing document should include an estimate of the date the proposed protest might be voted on.

San Gabriel Valley Water Company



Daniel A. Dell'Osa
Director of Rates and Revenue

- c: James Boothe, CPUC – Division of Water and Audits
Hani Moussa, CPUC – Water Branch, DRA
Danilo Sanchez, CPUC – Water Branch, DRA

SCHEDULE NO. LA-CARW
Los Angeles County Tariff Area
CALIFORNIA ALTERNATIVE RATES FOR WATER

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to residential domestic service to CARW households with a 1-inch or smaller meter, where the customer meets all the Special Conditions of this rate schedule.

TERRITORY

Portions of Arcadia, Baldwin Park, El Monte, City of Industry, Irwindale, La Puente, Montebello, Monterey Park, Pico Rivera, Rosemead, San Gabriel, Santa Fe Springs, South El Monte, West Covina, Whittier and vicinity, Los Angeles County.

RATES

Per Meter
Per Month

Quantity Rates (General):

For all water used, per 100 cu. ft. \$2.0840

Quantity Rates (Conservation):

For the first 13 Ccf used, 100 cu. ft. \$1.9523

For all Ccf greater than 13 Ccf per month, per 100 cu. ft. \$2.2451

Service Charges:

For 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter \$9.95

For 3/4-inch meter 14.93

For 1-inch meter.....24.88

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. CARW Household: A CARW Household is a household where the total gross income from all sources is less than shown on the table below based on the number of persons in the household. Total gross income shall include income from all sources, both taxable and non-taxable. Persons who are claimed as dependent on another person's income tax return are not eligible for this program.

<u>No. of Persons In Household</u>	<u>Total Gross Annual Income</u>
1 or 2	\$31,800
3	\$37,400
4	\$45,100
5	\$52,800
6	\$60,500

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SCHEDULE NO. LA-CARW
Los Angeles County Tariff Area
CALIFORNIA ALTERNATIVE RATES FOR WATER
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SPECIAL CONDITIONS (continued)

For households with more than six persons, add \$7,700 annually for each additional person residing in the household. (L)

2. **Application and Eligibility Declaration:** An application and eligibility declaration on a form authorized by the Commission is required for each request for service under this schedule. Renewal of a customer's eligibility declaration will be required every two years and may be required on an annual basis. Customers are only eligible to receive service under this rate schedule at one residential location at any one time, and the rate applies only to the customer's permanent primary residence. The schedule is not applicable where, in the opinion of the Utility, either the accomodation or the occupancy is transitory.
3. **Commencement of Rate:** Eligible customers shall be billed on this schedule commencing no later than one billing period after receipt and approval of the customer's application by the Utility.
4. **Verification:** Information provided by the applicant is subject to verification by the Utility. Refusal or failure of a customer to provide documentation of eligibility acceptable to the Utility, upon the request of the Utility, shall result in removal from this rate schedule.
5. **Notice from Customer:** It is the customer's responsibility to notify the Utility if there is a change in the customer's eligibility status.
6. Customers may be re-billed for periods of ineligibility under the applicable rate schedule.
7. All bills are subject to the reimbursement fee set forth on Schedule No. AA-UF.
8. A reserve account surcredit of \$0.0180 per Ccf is to be applied to the quantity rates for a 12-month period beginning August 18, 2010 and ending August 17, 2011.

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SCHEDULE NO. FO-CARW
Fontana Water Company
CALIFORNIA ALTERNATIVE RATES FOR WATER

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to residential domestic service to CARW households with a 1-inch or smaller meter, where the customer meets all the Special Conditions of this rate schedule.

TERRITORY

Portions of Fontana, Rancho Cucamonga, Rialto, and vicinity, San Bernardino County.

RATES

Quantity Rates (General):
For all water used, per 100 cu. ft. **\$2.2751**

Quantity Rates (Conservation):
For the first 16 Ccf used, 100 cu. ft. **\$2.2527**
For all Ccf greater than 16 Ccf per month, per 100 cu. ft. **\$2.5906**

Service Charges:

	<u>General</u>	<u>Conservation</u>
For 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter.....	\$ 9.28	\$7.36
For 3/4-inch meter.....	3.91	11.07
For 1-inch meter.....	23.19	18.43

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<u>No. of Persons In Household</u>	<u>Total Gross Annual Income</u>	
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3	\$37,400	
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Form No. 16A
San Gabriel Valley Water Company
Los Angeles County Division
Notice and Application for
California Alternative Rates for Water (CARW) Program

If your household qualifies for a discount on your energy bill under the electric or gas CARE or telecommunications ULTS programs, you may also qualify for a discount on your water bill.

To apply for the CARW Program at your residence, please fill out this application and submit it to the water company. You may receive the discount on your next bill after the water company receives, verifies, and approves your completed and signed application. If your application and proof of eligibility is not approved, you will receive a letter from the water company explaining the reason for denial.

If you need help filling out the application, or would like more information about the program, call (626) 448-6183 or visit the local office.

INCOME REQUIREMENTS
(effective June 1, 2011)

Number of Persons Living in my Home	Total Combined Income From ALL Sources	(C)
1 or 2	\$31,800	 (C)
3	\$37,400	
4	\$45,100	
5	\$52,800	
6	\$60,500	
For each additional person, add \$7,700		(C)

WHAT ARE THE QUALIFICATIONS?

To qualify for Schedule No. CARW I understand:

- I am a residential customer and receive water service through a 1" or smaller water meter.
- The water utility bill is in my name.
- I must provide verification of my household income if requested. Presentation of a utility bill (electric, gas, or telephone showing participation in their rate discount program) is acceptable verification of household income requirement.
- I may not be claimed as a dependent on another person's tax return.
- My total annual income cannot exceed the amount shown on the above chart. *Total income means the total combined gross household income of all persons living in my home.*
- I must re-apply each time I move.
- I must renew my application every two years, or sooner, if requested.
- I must notify the utility within 30 days if I become ineligible for CARW.

I understand that for CARW "gross household income" means all money and non-cash benefits, available for living expenses, from all sources, both taxable and non-taxable, before deductions, for all people who live in my home. This includes, but is not limited to: wages, salaries, and commissions; child/spousal support; interest, dividends, or withdrawals from savings accounts, stocks and bonds, or retirement accounts such as IRA and 401K accounts; stocks; bonds; business or rental income; support from family or friends; cash gifts; loans; lottery winnings; tax refunds and money from insurance policies or legal settlements; Social Security; retirement, veterans, disability, or unemployment benefits and workers' compensation; AFDC; SSI; SSP; cash public assistance; food stamps and free housing or utilities; and school grants, loans, scholarships, or other aid. Proof of income acceptable to the utility will be provided when applying for or renewing application.

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Form No. 16B
Fontana Water Company Division
Notice and Application for
California Alternative Rates for Water (CARW) Program

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To apply for the CARW Program at your residence, please fill out this application and submit it to the water company. You may receive the discount on your next bill after the water company receives, verifies, and approves your completed and signed application. If your application and proof of eligibility is not approved, you will receive a letter from the water company explaining the reason for denial.

If you need help filling out the application, or would like more information about the program, call (909) 822-2201 or visit the local office.

INCOME REQUIREMENTS
(effective June 1, 2011)

Number of Persons Living in my Home	Total Combined Income From ALL Sources	(C)
1 or 2	\$31,800	(C)
3	\$37,400	
4	\$45,100	
5	\$52,800	
6	\$60,500	
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