

TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

San Gabriel Valley Water Company ("San Gabriel") hereby submits for filing with the Commission an original and four copies of the following tariff schedules applicable to both its Los Angeles County and Fontana Water Company divisions, and which are attached hereto:

<u>CPUC</u> <u>Sheet No.</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Canceling</u> <u>PUC</u> <u>Sheet No.</u>
1635-W	Form No. 15A AutoPay Application & Authorization Los Angeles County Division	---
1636-W	Form No. 15B AutoPay Application & Authorization Fontana Water Company Division	---
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Purpose

The purpose of this advice letter filing is to add Form 15A and Form 15B, AutoPay Application & Authorization, to San Gabriel's tariff list of sample forms and to appropriately update the Table of Contents to reflect the addition of these two new forms.

Discussion Of AutoPay Payment Option

As a result of numerous customer requests for electronic payment options, San Gabriel plans to offer its customers an Automatic Bill Payment (AutoPay) option for paying their monthly water bills. AutoPay is a service that permits customers to pay their water bills automatically by electronic transfer from either a checking account or savings account.

San Gabriel will implement AutoPay using the following procedures:

1. Form 15A or 15B will be inserted along with all customers' water bills in the next billing cycle. Forms 15A and 15B serve as notification, application, and authorization of the AutoPay payment option.
2. The interested customer will complete and return the form to San Gabriel along with a voided check if intending to pay from a checking account or a deposit slip if intending to pay from a savings account, authorizing San Gabriel to electronically charge the customer's bank account for payment of the monthly water bill.

3. Any customer using AutoPay will continue to receive a water bill showing: the amount due, the approximate date the checking or savings account will be debited, and a reminder message not to mail payment.

San Gabriel will not charge a separate fee to its customers participating in AutoPay. It is possible a customer's bank might charge the customer a fee for making the electronic payment.

San Gabriel is able to offer AutoPay at no additional charge because an offsetting cost savings is expected. Whether a customer chooses to pay under the current method or by AutoPay, the cost of processing a payment transaction received by either method is of approximate equal cost.

Currently, Bank of America charges San Gabriel up to 7.5 cents per check deposited depending on the customer's financial institution. Bank of America will charge San Gabriel a flat 8 cents per AutoPay transaction. San Gabriel will also benefit from a reduction in costs of processing payments from AutoPay customers.

Customers will save postage cost of 37 cents each time they use AutoPay, plus any costs associated with writing their checks.

Notification

Public notice of this filing is not required. No individuals or utilities have requested notification of this filing. Distribution of this advice letter is being made to the attached service list in compliance with Paragraph G, Section III, of General Order No. 96-A.

Effective Date

Since this filing does not result in an increase in rates nor a reduction in service, San Gabriel requests approval of this filing on thirty days statutory notice.

Protest and Responses

A protest is a document objecting to the granting in whole or part of the authority sought in this advice letter. A response is a document that does not object to the authority sought, but nonetheless presents information that the party tendering the response believes would be useful to the Commission in acting on the request.

A protest must be mailed within 20 days of the date the California Public Utilities Commission accepts the advice letter for filing. The filing date is the date the advice letter was put on the CPUC Calendar. The Calendar is available on the CPUC's website at www.cpuc.ca.gov. Click on the **SEARCH SITE** (upper left hand corner). Uncheck all but **Daily Calendar**. Enter "Water 329" (include the quotation marks) and click **SEEK**.

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 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 the protest within five days.

All protests or responses to this filing should be sent to:
California Public Utilities Commission, Water Division
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102
Fax: (415) 703-4426

E-mail: water_division@cpuc.ca.gov

And to this utility at:

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

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

Conclusion

Because San Gabriel's customers have requested that the AutoPay option be made available and because of the increasingly widespread practice of electronic bill payments, San Gabriel respectfully requests that the Water Division approve the attached forms.

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