

# NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF PROPOSED RATE INCREASE

Date June 12, 2019

By Advice Letter (AL) No. 121, filed on date June 12, 2019, **Lake Alpine Water Company (LAWC)** has requested authority from the California Public Utilities Commission's (CPUC) to increase customer rates by \$548,209 or 9.93%, to recover legal expenses LAWC incurred from June 2011 through December 2016 for its legal representation in CPUC complaint Case No. 11-04-015 and Application (A.)11-04-013. LAWC recorded these legal expenses in its authorized Legal Expense Memorandum Account. LAWC is requesting approval to recover these legal expenses by imposing a customer surcharge (listed below), per the applicable meter size ratio, over a 10-year period.

## **Proposed Monthly Surcharge by Meter Size:**

For 5/8 x 3/4-inch meters	\$ 8.48
For condo units	\$ 8.48
For 3/4-inch meters	\$ 12.73
For 1-inch meters	\$ 21.21
For 1-1/2-inch meters	\$ 42.42
For 2-inch meters	\$ 67.87
For 3-inch meters	\$ 127.25
For 4-inch meters	\$ 212.09

The requested rate increase will not result in a rate of return higher than what the CPUC has authorized for LAWC. LAWC's present rates were authorized by CPUC Resolution W-5175 and have been in effect since November 7, 2018.

As an LAWC customer, you have a right to know as much as possible about this filing and its effect on your service and rates. If you have questions about this filing, you may contact LAWC at 209-753-2409, or at [info@lakealpinewater.com](mailto:info@lakealpinewater.com). You may also submit a response or protest to the CPUC regarding LAWC's rate increase request.

## **Response or Protest:**

Anyone may respond to or protest this AL. A response supports the filing and may contain information that proves useful to the CPUC in evaluating the AL 121. A protest objects to the AL 121 in whole or in part and must set forth the specific grounds on which it is based. These grounds are:

- (1) The utility did not properly serve or give notice of the AL;
- (2) The relief requested in the AL 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 AL contain material error or omissions;
- (4) The relief requested in the AL is pending before the Commission in a formal proceeding;  
or
- (5) The relief requested in the AL requires consideration in a formal hearing, or is otherwise inappropriate for the AL process; or
- (6) The relief requested in the AL is unjust, unreasonable, or discriminatory (provided that such a protest may not be made where it would require re-litigating a prior order of the CPUC).

A protest may not rely on policy objections to an AL where the relief requested in the AL follows rules or directions established by statute or CPUC order applicable to the utility. A protest shall also provide citations or proofs 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 Water Division within 20 days from the date of mailing of this customer notice.

The CPUC address for mailing a response or protest is:

California Public Utilities Commission  
Water Division, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102  
Email: [water.division@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:water.division@cpuc.ca.gov)

On the same date the response or protest is submitted to the CPUC, the respondent or protestant shall send a copy by mail (or e-mail) to us, addressed to:

Kimi Johnson, General Manager  
Lake Alpine Water Company  
PO BOX 5013  
Bear Valley, CA 95223  
Email: [info@lakealpinewater.com](mailto:info@lakealpinewater.com)

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

**Replies:**

The utility shall reply to each protest and may reply to any response. Any reply must be received by the Water Division within five business days after the end of the protest period, and shall be served on the same day to the person who filed the protest or response.