

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR A RATE INCREASE

Proposal

Lake Alpine Water Company (LAWC) is requesting authorization from the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) through Advice Letter 129 to increase its water revenues by \$38,754 or 4.3% in 2021 over present rates. The last general rate increase became effective October 11, 2018 by Resolution W-5175. The rates were adjusted on July 17, 2020 by the Consumer Price Index of 2.3%. After review of LAWC's expenses and plans in treatment plant improvements, LAWC proposes a rate increase to maintain operating revenues and to fund significant investments in the plant infrastructure.

Customer Impact

<u>Quantity Rate:</u>	<u>Present Rates</u>	<u>Proposed Rates</u>
All usage per 100 cu.ft.	\$ 7.97	\$ 8.25
<u>Service Charge:</u>	<u>Per Meter per Month</u>	
	<u>Present Rates</u>	<u>Proposed Rates</u>
For 5/8x3/4-inch meter	\$ 87.43	\$ 91.20
For condo unit service	87.43	91.20
For 3/4-inch meter	131.14	136.80
For 1-inch meter	218.56	228.00
For 1-1/2-inch meter	437.13	456.00
For 2-inch meter	699.41	729.60
For 3-inch meter	1311.39	1368.00
For 4-inch meter	2185.65	2280.00

Summary

The Annual Service Charge is applicable to all metered service. It is a readiness to serve charge.

The metered quantity rate is multiplied by water consumed and added to the service charge.

All customers also pay the Safe Drinking Water State Fund surcharge, currently \$26.02 per month per residence. This surcharge will expire in 2028.

The Commission regulatory oversight fee is 1.43% of all these charges.

The average bill for a metered residential customer consuming 2.0 CCF per month would increase from \$131.24 to \$136.63, or 4.1%.

Commission Process

The Commission staff will make a thorough investigation of LAWC's request. Following the investigation, the Commission may grant LAWC's request in whole or in part or may deny it. It may also order the utility to charge rates different from those shown in this notice.

California law requires the company to show to the Commission's satisfaction that an increase is justified before it may raise its rates. Customers who would like to call the Commission's attention to any problems concerning their water service, or who would like to provide any other information or comments regarding this requested increase should do so at the public meeting and/or should write to the Commission.

There are two ways to respond to this notice. You may send a protest to the Commission and, if you do, you must send a copy of the protest to LAWC, or you can send a response to the Commission.

Protests and Responses

A protest is a document objecting to the granting in whole or in part of the authority sought in this advice letter filing. 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 Commission in acting on the request.

A protest must be mailed within 20 days of the date of this notice. 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.

All protests or responses to this filing should be sent to both of the following addresses and should mention that they pertain to **Lake Alpine Water Company 2021 General Rate Case**

California Public Utilities Commission
Water Utilities Division
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102
E-mail: water.division@cpuc.ca.gov

AND

Lake Alpine Water Company, Inc.
PO Box 5013
Bear Valley, CA 95223
E-mail: info@lakealpinewater.com

Comments must be sent no later than twenty (20) days after the date of this notice was sent.

If you have not received a reply to your protest from the utility within 10 business days, contact Kimi Johnson at (209) 753-2409.

A copy of the Lake Alpine Water Company filing may be inspected in the utility's business office at 3 Bear Valley Road, Suite 109 Bear Valley, CA 95223; by calling (209) 753-2409 or emailing info@lakealpinewater.com, you may request a copy to be mailed to you.