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ADVICE LETTER NO. 1296

TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

California-American Water Company (“California American Water”) (U210W) hereby submits for review this advice letter, including the following tariff sheets, attached hereto, which are applicable to all of its districts:

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Request

This advice letter is being made to update the Low-Income Ratepayer Assistance Program (LIRA) income guidelines for the 2020-2021 year in compliance with Public Utilities Code Section 739.1. As stated in the Public Utilities Commission Energy Division’s March 1, 2020 letter, income guidelines/limits should be updated as follows:

Household Size	CARE & Energy Savings Assistance Program (LIRA program)
1-2	\$34,480
3	\$43,440
4	\$52,400
5	\$61,360
6	\$70,320
7	\$79,280
8	\$88,240
Each Additional person	\$8,960

Tier Designation:

Pursuant to General Order 96-B, this advice letter is submitted with a Tier 1 designation.

Effective Date:

California American Water requests an effective date of June 1, 2020 consistent with the date of the new income guidelines.

Service List:

In accordance with Section 4.3 of General Order 96-B, a copy of this advice letter has been served upon all interested and affected parties as shown in Exhibit A.

RESPONSE OR PROTEST¹

Anyone may submit a response or protest for this AL. When submitting a response or protest, **please include the utility name and advice letter number in the subject line.**

A **response** supports the filing and may contain information that proves useful to the Commission in evaluating the AL. A **protest** objects to the AL in whole or in part and must set forth the specific grounds on which it is based. These grounds² 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 Commission.

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 Commission order applicable to the utility. A protest shall provide citations or proofs where available to allow staff to properly consider the protest.

DWA must receive a response or protest via email (**or** postal mail) within 20 days of the date the AL is filed. When submitting a response or protest, **please include the utility name and advice letter number in the subject line.**

The addresses for submitting a response or protest are:

Email Address:

Water.Division@cpuc.ca.gov

Mailing Address:

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505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

¹ G.O. 96-B, General Rule 7.4.1

² G.O. 96-B, General Rule 7.4.2

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

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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, so that a late filed protest can be entertained. The informing document should include an estimate of the date the proposed protest might be voted on.

REPLIES³

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

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 of law.

If you have not received a reply to your protest within 10 business days, contact Kamilah Jones at (916) 568-4232.

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

CALIFORNIA-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY

/s/ Kamilah Jones

Kamilah Jones
Financial Analyst III

³ G.O. 96-B, General Rule 7.4.3

Schedule No. CA-LIRA
California American Water
LOW INCOME RATEPAYER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Sheet 6

SPECIAL CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO LOW INCOME

General Items:

1. **Low Income Ratepayer Assistance Program (LIRA):** As reflected in this tariff, qualifying customers receive a surcredit, as noted above, per month per qualifying residential customer. Customers must apply with the Company for acceptance into the low-income program. Qualification criteria are outlined below. This program is also known as the H2O Help to Others Program. Effective June 1, 2020 to May 31, 2021. (C)
 - a. **LIRA Household:** A LIRA Household is a household where the total gross income from all sources, including total income from all persons living full-time in the household, is less than shown on the table below based on the number of persons in the household. Total gross income shall include both taxable and non-taxable income. Persons who are claimed as a dependent on another person's income tax return are not eligible for this program. The California American Water bill must be in the customer's name.

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Decision

ISSUED BY

J. T. LINAM
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