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January 25, 2024

Kiki Carlson Regulatory Affairs Manager Suburban Water Systems 1325 N. Grand Ave., Ste. 100 Covina, CA 91724-4044

Dear Ms. Carlson,

The Water Division of the California Public Utilities Commission has approved Suburban Water Systems' Advice Letter No. 399, filed on December 19, 2023, regarding Update Sativa Production Cost Balancing Account (SPCBA).

Enclosed are copies of the following revised tariff sheets, effective December 22, 2022, for the utility's files:

P.U.C. Sheet	
No.	Title of Sheet
1966-W	Preliminary Statement (Continued),
	Part AD, Sativa Production Cost Balancing Account (SPCBA)
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Please contact Alison Pafford at APF@cpuc.ca.gov or 415-417-7615, if you have any questions.

Thank you.

Enclosures

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Covina, CA 91724-4044	Original	Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.	1924-W

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

(Continued)

AD. Sativa Production Cost Balancing Account ("SPCBA")

1. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this account is to record each month the difference between the recorded Water Replenishment District (WRD) Assessment and Liberty Park Water rates, and the requested adopted rates of \$382.00 and \$1,800.00 per acre foot, respectively, so that these differences can be trued-up through rates subsequent to CPUC review and approval. (T)

2. APPLICABILITY:

The SPCBA applies to Sativa water system.

3. ACCOUNTING PROCEDURE:

- a. The following entries will be recorded monthly:
 - i. A debit entry for the recorded WRD Assessment and Liberty Park
 Water expenses.

 I A gradit entry for the adopted cost of \$382.00 and \$1.800.00 per

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- ii. A credit entry for the adopted cost of \$382.00 and \$1,800.00 per acre foot for WRD Assessment and Liberty Park Water rates, multiplied by the recorded quantities, respectively.
- iii. Total net SPCBA balance = (i) minus (ii).
- b. The Company will record the accumulated SPCBA balance on a monthly basis, by adding its entry in section a.iii. to the prior accumulated monthly balance.
- c. A debit or credit entry equal to interest on the balance in the account at the beginning of the month and half the balance after the above entries, at a rate equal to one-twelfth of the rate on 90-day non-financial Commercial Paper, as reported in the Federal Reserve Statistical Release, H.15 or its successor.
- d. The recovery of under-collections or refunds of over-collection will be passed on to the ratepayers through volumetric surcharge or surcredit, respectively.
- e. Franchise Fees and Uncollectible Accounts Expense shall be calculated using the factors most recently authorized by the Commission.
- f. In Suburban's 2026 GRC any balances in the SPCBA would be consolidated with Suburban's WRD balances and the SPCBA would then be eliminated.

4. AMORTIZATIONS:

Suburban Water Systems may request amortization of this account by Tier 1 advice letter when the balance reaches 2% of annual revenues or at any level through a general rate case application.

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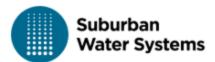
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CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION DIVISION OF WATER AND AUDITS

Advice Letter Cover Sheet

Utility Name:	Suburban Wate	r Systems	Date Mailed to Service List:	December 19, 2023
District:	n/a			
CPUC Utility #:	U – 339-W		Protest Deadline (20th Day):	January 8, 2024
Advice Letter #:	399-W	_	Review Deadline (30 th Day):	January 18, 2024
Tier:		⊠ Compliance	Requested Effective Date:	December 22, 2022
Authorization:	Decision 23-12-	•		
Description:	Update Sativa P Account (SPCBA	Production Cost Balancir	Rate Impact:	N/A
		is advice letter is 20 days f ection in the advice letter f	from the date that this advice letter for more information.	r was mailed to the service list.
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VIA EMAIL

U-339-W

ADVICE LETTER NO. 399-W

December 19, 2023

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Suburban Water Systems (Suburban) hereby submits for filing with the Commission the following changes in its tariff schedules applicable to its service areas which are attached hereto:

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Sheet No.	Title of Sheet	CPUC Sheet No.
1966-W	Preliminary Statement (Continued), Part AD, Sativa	1924-W
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In compliance with Decision (D.) 23-12-018, Decision Granting Suburban Water Systems' Petition For Modification of Decision 22-04-010, dated December 14, 2023, Suburban is authorized to modify its Sativa Production Cost Balancing Account (SPCBA) which will include the recorded differences between the actual price of water purchased from Liberty Utilities Corporation (Liberty) and the price that was in effect as of the date of the Asset Purchase Agreement (APA) for Sativa, which is December 22, 2022, the effective date of the SPCBA. Ordering Paragraph No. 2 in D.23-12-018 states,

2. Ordering Paragraph Number 10 of Decision 22-04-010 is modified as follows: Suburban Water Systems is authorized to file a Tier 1 Advice Letter to establish a Sativa Production Cost Balancing Account to defer any differences between 1) recorded Water Replenishment District of Southern California (WRD) Replenishment Assessment rates and an adopted rate of \$382.00 per acre-foot and 2) recorded Liberty Park Water purchases as of the December 22, 2022 closing date and an adopted rate of \$1,800 per acre-foot. The adopted rates will remain in effect until the Commission establishes updated rates in Suburban's 2023 GRC (Application 23-01-001).

Consequently, Suburban submits this filing to incorporate the Liberty Park Water rate of \$1,800.00 per acre feet in the existing SPCBA's preliminary statement, with an effective date December 22, 2022. This effective date is the same as Suburban's current SPCBA which was filed via advice letter 387-W on December 22, 2022, in compliance with D.22-04-010. The updated SPCBA will allow Suburban to track the difference between the recorded Water Replenishment District (WRD) assessment and Liberty Park Water rates and the adopted rates of \$382 and \$1,800 per acre foot, respectively, multiplied by the respective recorded quantities.

These differences will be trued-up through rates subsequent to future CPUC review and approval.

Background

On April 7, 2022, the Commission issued D.22-04-010, decision authorizing the purchase of Sativa Los Angeles County Water District (Sativa) by Suburban Water Systems. Ordering Paragraph No. 2 of D.22-04-010 granted Suburban authority to establish a SPCBA.

On December 22, 2022, Suburban filed advice letter no. 387-W, requesting authorization to establish SPCBA with an effective date December 22, 2022, the date Suburban completed the purchase of the asset of the Sativa Los Angeles County Water District.

On February 15, 2023, Water Division approved Suburban's advice letter no. 387-W with an effective date December 22, 2022.

On January 30, 2023, Suburban filed Petition for Modification (PFM) of D.22-04-010 due to changed circumstances since the Application (A.) 21-08-011, dated August 13, 2021, seeking authorization to purchase the assets of Sativa was originally filed. Suburban requested authorization to track in the SPCBA granted in D.22-04-010, the differences between the actual price of water purchased from Liberty Park Water and the price that was in effect as of the date of the Asset Purchase Agreement (APA) for Sativa.

On December 14, 2023, the Commission issued D.23-12-018, decision granting Suburban petition for modification of D.22-04-010.

Tier Designation and Effective Date

This is a Tier 1 filing – the advice letter is a compliance advice letter with an effective date December 22, 2022.

In compliance with General Order 96-B, General Rule 4.3 and 7.2, and Water Industry Rule 4.1, a copy of this advice letter has been mailed or electronically transmitted to all interested and affected parties as detailed in Attachment A.

Response or Protest

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 may be based upon the following:

- (1) The utility did not properly serve or give notice of the advice letter; or
- (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 the utility relies; or
- (3) The analysis, calculations, or data in the advice letter contain material error or omissions; or
- (4) The relief requested in the advice letter is pending before the Commission in a formal proceeding; or

- (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 re-litigating a prior order of the Commission).

A protest may not rely on policy objections to an Advice Letter (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.

The addresses for submitting a response or protest are:

Email Address: Mailing Address:

Water.Division@cpuc.ca.gov California Public Utilities Commission

Division of Water and Audits, 3rd Floor

505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102

On the same date any protest or response is submitted to the Water Division, the respondent or protestant must serve a copy of the protest or response to: Suburban Water Systems, Kiki Carlson, Regulatory Affairs Manager, 1325 N. Grand Ave., Suite 100, Covina, CA 91724-4044, and email kcarlson@swwc.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, 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.

Replies: The utility shall reply to each protest and may reply to any response. Each reply must be received by the Division of Water and Audits within 5 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. If you have not received a reply to your protest within 10 business days, contact Suburban Water Systems at (626) 543-2500.

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

Sincerely,
/s/Kiki Carlson
Kiki Carlson
Regulatory Affairs Manager

Enclosures

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