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**Supplemental Advice Letter 281-W-A
Great Oaks Water Company (U-162-W)
To the California Public Utilities Commission**

Great Oaks Water Company (Great Oaks) submits this supplemental Tier 1 advice letter filing requesting authority to implement a surcharge to amortize the combined balances of three accounts associated with Great Oaks' Low Income Customer Assistance Program (LICAP), as authorized in California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) Decision (D.) 19-09-010. The following tariff sheets implementing this surcharge are attached to this advice letter:

CPUC Sheet Number	Title	Canceling
914-W	Schedule No. 1 GENERAL METERED SERVICE SPECIAL CONDITIONS	879-W
915-W	Schedule No 3M IRRIGATION SERVICE SPECIAL CONDITIONS	881-W
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Summary

This supplemental advice letter to amortize three LICAP accounts in the manner authorized under D. 19-09-010. The accounts being amortized, Commission authority, and the balance in each account is shown in the table below. The workpapers attached as Exhibit A include account details.

Account	Commission Authority	Amount (under)/over collection
LICAP Memorandum Account	D.19-09-010	(\$293,747.90)
LICAP Surcharge Balancing Account	D.19-09-010	(\$111,409.99)
Advice Letter 244-W-B Balancing Account	D.19-09-010	(\$95,140.06)
Total		(\$500,297.95)

The accounts listed in the table above are described more fully in the following paragraphs.

- LICAP Memorandum Account.** This account tracked Great Oaks' expenses associated with its Low Income Customer Assistance Program. In D.19-09-010, Great Oaks was authorized to collect through a temporary surcharge the amount of \$293,748.00 (\$293,747.90), which represented the under-collected balance in the account. (D.19-09-010, p. 16). Such amount was reviewed by the California Public Advocates Office (Cal PA) in the proceedings on Great Oaks' General Rate Case Application (A.) 18-07-002. This amount is referenced in the Exhibit A Workpapers, page WP-1.
- LICAP Surcharge Balancing Account.** The purpose of this account is to track the differences between the recorded LICAP surcharge revenues received and Great Oaks' recorded LICAP costs and expenses. The balance in this account was reviewed by Cal PA in the proceedings on A.18-07-002, and in D.19-09-010 (at p. 16), Great Oaks was authorized to recover the under-collected balance of \$107,778.00, plus interest accrued through the date of the filing of this advice letter. With interest from July 1, 2018 (the date of the balance reviewed by Cal PA), the total amount authorized for collection by D.19-09-010 is \$111,409.99. The interest calculation is shown in the Exhibit A Workpapers, page WP-2.
- Under-Collected Balance of Advice Letter 244-W-B Authorized Recovery.** This is the remaining under-collected balance from the amortization of Great Oaks' LICAP Memorandum Account. The balance in this account was reviewed by Cal PA in the proceedings on A.18-07-002, and in D.19-09-010 (at p. 16), Great Oaks was authorized to recover the under-collected balance of \$91,970.00, plus interest accrued through the date of the filing of this advice letter. With interest from July 1, 2018 (the date of the

balance reviewed by Cal PA), the total amount authorized for collection by D.19-09-010 is \$95,140.06. The interest calculation is shown in the Exhibit A Workpapers, page WP-3.

The total amount authorized for collection from Great Oaks' LICAP accounts is \$500,297.95. See Exhibit A, page WP-1.

Partial Amortization from Excess Usage Surcharges

Commission Decision 19-09-010 provides in pertinent part:

With respect to the second memorandum account that CalAdvocates initially recommended fully amortizing during the course of this rate case cycle, the Conservation Lost Revenue and Expense Memorandum Account, the Parties agreed that Great Oaks should fully amortize the balance in that account (\$2,624,254), by taking into income, on or after January 1, 2020, that same amount from Excess Usage Surcharges collected during the period of time that emergency drought allocations were in effect and then close the account after a final decision in this proceeding, provided no further drought emergencies occur in the interim. The Parties further agreed that if there are any funds remaining in the Conservation Lost Revenue account at the point in time when it is closed, those funds may be used to amortize under-collected balances in other balancing or memorandum accounts during this three-year rate cycle. If any further funds remain thereafter, Great Oaks will use them as a deduction from authorized revenues in rate case year 2022 – 2023.¹

In its Advice Letter 284-W, filed January 15, 2020, Great Oaks reported that, pursuant to the authority in D.19-09-010 quoted above, Great Oaks has taken \$2,624,254 of Conservation Lost Revenues into income and has “amortized” \$603,252.49 in the under-collected balance in Great Oaks' Monterey-Style Water Revenue Adjustment Mechanism Account, plus the prior under-collected balance from Great Oaks' Advice Letter 265-W amortization. The remaining balance of Excess Usage Surcharges as of January 15, 2020 was \$164,208.17.²

Authority for Requested Surcharge

This supplemental Advice Letter 281-W-A is authorized by D.19-09-010. From the \$500,297.95 under-collected amount in Great Oaks' authorized LICAP accounts, Great Oaks has “amortized” \$164,208.17 by taking the remaining balance of Excess Usage Surcharges into income. There is no remaining balance of Excess Usage Surcharges. The remaining amount to be amortized through this supplemental Advice Letter 281-W-A is \$336,089.78.

¹ D.19-09-010, pages 17 – 18 (footnotes omitted)(emphasis added).

² See Great Oaks Advice Letter 284-W, at page 2.

Great Oaks proposes to begin collection of the surcharge amounts on January 2, 2020, which is the beginning of the first billing cycle in the new year. As the surcharge is associated with Great Oaks' Low Income Customer Assistance Program, it will only be collected from non-LICAP customers. The requested surcharge will remain in place for one full year. Revenues received from the Advice Letter 281-W-A surcharge will be tracked in a balancing account.

Calculation of Requested Surcharge

D.19-09-010 established that the total adopted sales quantity for the rate year beginning July 1, 2019 for non-LICAP customers is 4,014,392 ccf.³ The table below calculates the surcharge for this advice letter over a twelve-month recovery period. See also Exhibit A, page WP-4.

Total Amount Amortized	\$336,089.78
Total Non-LICAP CCF Sales	4,014,392
Surcharge per CCF	\$0.0837

Bill Impact

The \$336,089.78 total surcharge collection over the course of one year will produce the bill impacts shown in the Exhibit A Workpapers, at page WP-4, both in terms of dollars and percentages. Average consumption per customer, as adopted in D.19-09-010, is used for comparison purposes. For single-family non-LICAP residential customers, the comparison uses a 5/8-inch x 3/4-inch meter size, and for all other customers, the comparison uses a 3/4-inch x 3/4-inch meter size.

To place the effect of the requested surcharge in the proper context, it must be noted that with the requested Advice Letter 281-W-A surcharge, an average single-family residential customer bill will increase by \$3.21, from \$86.03 to \$89.23 over the typical two-month billing period. At \$89.23 for two months (approximately \$44.62 per month), an average single-family residential customer bill is still \$9.93 less than a Great Oaks' average single-family residential bill during the July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 rate year.⁴

Tier Designation

Pursuant to General Order 96-B, this is a Tier 1 advice letter seeking the amortization of balancing-type accounts, as authorized in D.19-09-010.

Requested Effective Date

³ D.19-09-010, p. 16

⁴ The average bi-monthly single-family residential customer bill calculated for purposes of Great Oaks Advice Letter 271-W was \$99.16.

Great Oaks requests that the effective date of the tariff sheets be February 18, 2020 and that the Advice Letter 281-W-A surcharge remain in place for one full year.

Notice

Great Oaks published notice Advice Letter 281-W in the San Jose Mercury News, a newspaper of local circulation, pursuant to General Order 96-B, Water Industry Rule 3.1. A copy of the proof of publication is attached as Exhibit B. No additional notice is required.

Response or Protest

Anyone may protest and respond to 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 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 a 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).

Any protest or response must be made in writing or by electronic mail and must be received by the Commission's Division of Water and Audits within 20 days of the date this advice letter is filed. The advice letter process does not provide for any protests, responses or other comments, except for a reply by Great Oaks, after the 20-day comment period expires. The address for mailing or delivering a protest or response is:

Tariff Unit, Division of Water and Audits, 3rd floor
California Public Utilities Commission,
505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102
water_division@cpuc.ca.gov

On the same date any protest or response is submitted to the Water Division, the protesting or responding person, entity or party must serve a copy of the protest or response on Great Oaks addressed to:

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Great Oaks Water Company

/s/

Timothy S. Guster
General Counsel
Legal and Regulatory Affairs

cc: Richard Rauschmeier, California Public Advocates Office (by email)

VERIFICATION

I am an officer of the Great Oaks Water Company, and am authorized to make this verification on its behalf. The statements in the foregoing document, Great Oaks Water Co.'s Advice Letter 281-W-A, are true of my own knowledge, except as to matters which are therein stated on information and belief, and as to those matters I believe them to be true.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on January 17, 2020 at San Jose, California.

/s/
Timothy S. Guster

Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that I have this day served a copy of Great Oaks Water Co.’s Advice Letter 281-W-A (without Workpapers) on the parties listed on the following Distribution List by mailing a properly addressed copy by first class mail with postage prepaid or by email, as indicated.

Executed on January 17, 2020 at San Jose, California.

_____/s/_____
Timothy S. Guster

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Great Oaks Water Company
Advice Letter 281-W
Proposed Tariff Sheets

Schedule No. 1
GENERAL METERED SERVICE
(Continued)

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. All bills are subject to the reimbursement fee set forth in Schedule No. UF.
2. To provide ongoing funding for the Utility's Low-Income Customer Assistance Program (LICAP), as described in Tariff Rule 22, a surcharge of \$0.0734 will be added to the Quantity Charge for all water delivered to non-LICAP participants on and after July 1, 2019.
3. To amortize the balance in the Utility's Low Income Customer Assistance Program (LICAP) balancing accounts, a surcharge of \$0.0837 will be added to the Quantity Charge for all non-LICAP customers for all water delivered beginning February 18, 2020, for a twelve-month period. (N) | (N)

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Schedule No. 3M
IRRIGATION SERVICE
(Continued)

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. The Santa Clara Valley Water District requires the customer to certify the water is used to irrigate commercial agricultural crops for sale to qualify for this rate. It is an express condition of this Irrigation Service that the customer cooperates in making the necessary certification to the Water District.
2. The Santa Clara Valley Water District has surcharges or discounts applicable to water used to irrigate commercial agricultural crops if the customer/farmer participates in the Water District's special programs. These surcharges or discounts are applied per Acre Ft., are granted or imposed by the Water District each month based on the customer/farmer's level of participation, and will be passed through by the Company each month to the customer/farmer.
3. All bills are subject to the reimbursement fee set forth in Schedule No. UF.
4. To provide funding for the Utility's Low-Income Customer Assistance Program (LICAP), as described in Tariff Rule 22, a surcharge of \$0.0734 will be added to the Quantity Charge for all water sold to non-LICAP participants on and after July 1, 2019.
5. Customers who receive water deliveries for agricultural purposes under this schedule, and who present evidence to the Utility that such deliveries qualify for the lower pump tax rates levied by the Santa Clara Valley Water District for agricultural water, shall receive a credit of \$2.3350 per 100 cu.ft. used during the period covered by that bill on and after July 1, 2019.
6. To amortize the balance in the Utility's Low Income Customer Assistance Program (LICAP) balancing accounts, a surcharge of \$0.0837 will be added to the Quantity Charge for all non-LICAP customers for all water delivered beginning February 18, 2020, for a twelve-month period. (N) | (N)

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Exhibit A

Workpapers

Great Oaks Water Company
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Exhibit A - Workpapers

Great Oaks Water Company Advice Letter 281-W Workpapers

<u>Category</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Authority</u>	<u>Calculations</u>
LICAP Memorandum Account	(\$293,747.90)	D.19-09-010, p. 16	WP-1
LICAP Surcharge Balancing Account	(\$111,409.99)	D.19-09-010, p. 16	WP-2
AL 244-W-B Under-Collection	<u>(\$95,140.06)</u>	D.19-09-010, p. 16	WP-3
Total Under-Collection	<u>(\$500,297.95)</u>	D.19-09-010, p. 16	WP-1
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LICAP Surcharge Balancing Account - Interest Only Calculations

<u>Month</u>	<u>LICAP Surcharge Revenue</u>	<u>LICAP Discounts</u>	<u>LICAP Administrative Costs & Expenses</u>	<u>Month Over (Under)</u>	<u>Cumulative Over (Under)</u>	<u>Current Interest Income (Expense)</u>	<u>Cumulative Interest Income (Expense)</u>	<u>Commercial Paper Rate</u>	<u>Cumulative Over (Under) With Interest</u>
Jun-18	\$10,257.59	\$10,843.25	\$0.00	(\$585.66)	(\$107,051.90)	(\$194.84)	(\$1,715.83)	2.19%	(\$108,767.73)
Jun-18 Cal PAO Adjustment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$107,051.90)	\$989.47	(\$726.36)	N/A	(\$107,778.26)
Jul-18	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$107,051.90)	(\$193.59)	(\$919.95)	2.17%	(\$107,971.85)
Aug-18	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$107,051.90)	(\$195.37)	(\$1,115.32)	2.19%	(\$108,167.22)
Sep-18	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$107,051.90)	(\$199.83)	(\$1,315.15)	2.24%	(\$108,367.05)
Oct-18	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$107,051.90)	(\$211.43)	(\$1,526.58)	2.37%	(\$108,578.48)
Nov-18	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$107,051.90)	(\$228.38)	(\$1,754.96)	2.56%	(\$108,806.86)
Dec-18	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$107,051.90)	(\$239.97)	(\$1,994.93)	2.69%	(\$109,046.83)
Total - 2018	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$107,051.90)	(\$473.94)	(\$1,994.93)		(\$109,046.83)
12/31/2018 Balance Forward					(\$107,051.90)		(\$1,994.93)		(\$109,046.83)
Jan-19	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$107,051.90)	(\$231.05)	(\$2,225.98)	2.59%	(\$109,277.88)
Feb-19	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$107,051.90)	(\$222.13)	(\$2,448.11)	2.49%	(\$109,500.01)
Mar-19	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$107,051.90)	(\$221.24)	(\$2,669.35)	2.48%	(\$109,721.25)
Apr-19	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$107,051.90)	(\$220.35)	(\$2,889.70)	2.47%	(\$109,941.60)
May-19	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$107,051.90)	(\$217.67)	(\$3,107.37)	2.44%	(\$110,159.27)
Jun-19	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$107,051.90)	(\$205.18)	(\$3,312.55)	2.30%	(\$110,364.45)
Jul-19	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$107,051.90)	(\$198.05)	(\$3,510.60)	2.22%	(\$110,562.50)
Aug-19	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$107,051.90)	(\$183.77)	(\$3,694.37)	2.06%	(\$110,746.27)
Sep-19	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$107,051.90)	(\$181.10)	(\$3,875.47)	2.03%	(\$110,927.37)
Oct-19	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$107,051.90)	(\$167.71)	(\$4,043.18)	1.88%	(\$111,095.08)
Nov-19	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$107,051.90)	(\$157.90)	(\$4,201.08)	1.77%	(\$111,252.98)
Dec-19	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$107,051.90)	(\$157.01)	(\$4,358.09)	1.76%	(\$111,409.99)
Total - 2019	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$107,051.90)	(\$2,363.16)	(\$4,358.09)		(\$111,409.99)

Under-Collected Balance of Advice Letter 244-W-B Recovery (Balancing Account)

	Beginning Cumulative Over (Under) With Interest	Billings	Current Cumulative Over (Under)	Commercial Paper Rate	Interest	Ending Cumulative Over (Under) With Interest
Jun-18	(\$91,802.01)	\$0.00	(\$91,802.01)	2.19%	(\$167.54)	(\$91,969.55)
Jul-18	(\$91,969.55)	\$0.00	(\$91,969.55)	2.17%	(\$166.31)	(\$92,135.86)
Aug-18	(\$92,135.86)	\$0.00	(\$92,135.86)	2.19%	(\$168.15)	(\$92,304.01)
Sep-18	(\$92,304.01)	\$0.00	(\$92,304.01)	2.24%	(\$172.30)	(\$92,476.31)
Oct-18	(\$92,476.31)	\$0.00	(\$92,476.31)	2.37%	(\$182.64)	(\$92,658.95)
Nov-18	(\$92,658.95)	\$0.00	(\$92,658.95)	2.56%	(\$197.67)	(\$92,856.62)
Dec-18	(\$92,856.62)	\$0.00	(\$92,856.62)	2.69%	(\$208.15)	(\$93,064.78)
Total - 2018	(\$92,856.62)	\$0.00	(\$92,856.62)		(\$1,262.77)	(\$93,064.78)
Jan-19	(\$93,064.78)	\$0.00	(\$93,064.78)	2.59%	(\$200.86)	(\$93,265.64)
Feb-19	(\$93,265.64)	\$0.00	(\$93,265.64)	2.49%	(\$193.53)	(\$93,459.17)
Mar-19	(\$93,459.17)	\$0.00	(\$93,459.17)	2.48%	(\$193.15)	(\$93,652.32)
Apr-19	(\$93,652.32)	\$0.00	(\$93,652.32)	2.47%	(\$192.77)	(\$93,845.08)
May-19	(\$93,845.08)	\$0.00	(\$93,845.08)	2.44%	(\$190.82)	(\$94,035.90)
Jun-19	(\$94,035.90)	\$0.00	(\$94,035.90)	2.30%	(\$180.24)	(\$94,216.14)
Jul-19	(\$94,216.14)	\$0.00	(\$94,216.14)	2.22%	(\$174.30)	(\$94,390.44)
Aug-19	(\$94,390.44)	\$0.00	(\$94,390.44)	2.06%	(\$162.04)	(\$94,552.47)
Sep-19	(\$94,552.47)	\$0.00	(\$94,552.47)	2.03%	(\$159.95)	(\$94,712.43)
Oct-19	(\$94,712.43)	\$0.00	(\$94,712.43)	1.88%	(\$148.38)	(\$94,860.81)
Nov-19	(\$94,860.81)	\$0.00	(\$94,860.81)	1.77%	(\$139.92)	(\$95,000.73)
Dec-19	(\$95,000.73)	\$0.00	(\$95,000.73)	1.76%	(\$139.33)	(\$95,140.06)
Total - 2019	(\$95,140.06)	\$0.00	(\$95,000.73)		(\$2,075.29)	(\$95,140.06)

**Great Oaks Water Company Advice Letter 281-W-A
Surcharge Calculation and Bill Comparison**

Surcharge Calculation for Advice Letter 281-W-A	
Total Amount	\$500,297.95
Less Amount Recovered from Excess Usage Surcharges	-164208.17
Total Amount to be Collected through Surcharge	\$336,089.78
Non-LICAP CCF Sales for Test Year	4,014,392
Advice Letter 281-W Surcharge	\$0.0837

Bi-Monthly Bill Comparison		
Comparison Based Upon Single-Family Residential Customers Using 11 CCF of Water per Month with a 5/8" x 3/4" Meter		
Charge	Current Bill	With AL 281-W Surcharge
Service Charge (X2)	\$29.82	\$29.82
Quantity Charges		
0 - 6 CCF	\$7.82	\$7.82
7 - 24 CCF	\$41.68	\$41.68
LICAP Surcharge	\$1.61	\$1.61
Sub-Total	\$80.93	\$80.93
AL 281-W-A Surcharge		\$3.02
Sub-Total	\$80.93	\$83.95
PUCURA Fee	\$1.00	\$1.03
Sub-Total	\$81.93	\$84.98
San Jose Tax	\$4.10	\$4.25
Total	\$86.03	\$89.23
Difference (\$)		\$3.21
Difference (%)		3.59%

Great Oaks Water Company
Advice Letter 281-W

Exhibit B
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In the matter of

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The undersigned, being first duly sworn, deposes and says: That at all times hereinafter mentioned affiant was and still is a citizen of the United States, over the age of eighteen years, and not a party to or interested in the above entitled proceedings; and was at and during all said times and still is the principal clerk of the printer and publisher of the San Jose Mercury News, a newspaper of general circulation printed and published daily in the City of San Jose, County of Santa Clara, State of California as determined by the court's decree dated June 27, 1952, Case Numbers 84096 and 84097, and that said San Jose Mercury News is and was at all times herein mentioned a newspaper of general circulation as that term is defined by Sections 6000; that at all times said newspaper has been established, printed and published in the said County and State at regular intervals for more than one year preceding the first publication of the notice herein mentioned. Said decree has not been revoked, vacated or set aside.

I declare that the notice, of which the annexed is a true printed copy, has been published in each regular or entire issue of said newspaper and not in any supplement thereof on the following dates, to wit:

12/07/2019

Dated at San Jose, California
December 9, 2019

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.



Principal clerk of the printer and publisher of the San Jose Mercury News

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GREAT OAKS WATER COMPANY NOTICE OF PROPOSED SURCHARGE TO COLLECT BALANCE IN AUTHORIZED LOW INCOME CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ACCOUNTS

Great Oaks Water Company (Great Oaks) has filed Advice Letter 281-W (AL 281-W) with the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) to implement a surcharge on existing water rates for all customers not participating in Great Oaks' Low Income Customer Assistance Program (LICAP).

The AL 281-W surcharge is to recover the balances in Great Oaks' authorized LICAP balancing accounts. The LICAP balancing accounts track the difference between the expenses incurred by Great Oaks to administer its LICAP, including discounts to low-income customers, and the LICAP expenses authorized by the Commission. The LICAP accounts had a combined balance of \$531,264.86 as of September 25, 2019. Great Oaks has requested that the surcharge be effective for a twelve-month period beginning January 2, 2020. The amount of the surcharge is \$0.1323 per 100 cu.ft. (CCF) of water used.

The Commission has authorized Great Oaks to recover the balance in the LICAP accounts in its recent decision on Great Oaks' General Rate Case Application 18-07-002 (Decision 19-09-010).

The bi-monthly bill for an average single-family residential customer with a 5/8" x 3/4" meter using 11 CCF of water per month will increase by 3.37% from \$91.98 to \$95.08 as a result of the requested surcharge.

Protests and Responses: Anyone may protest and respond to this Advice Letter. A Response supports the filing and may contain information that proves useful to the Commission in evaluating the Advice Letters. A Protest objects to the Advice Letter in whole or in part and must set forth 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 Letters; or
- (2) The relief requested in the Advice Letters would violate a 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 Letters contain material error or omissions; or
- (4) The relief requested in the Advice Letters is pending before the Commission in a formal proceeding; or
- (5) The relief requested in the Advice Letters requires consideration in a formal hearing, or is otherwise inappropriate for the Advice Letter process; or
- (6) The relief requested in the Advice Letters 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).

Any Protest or Response must be made in writing or by electronic mail and must be received by the Water Division of the Commission within 20 days of the date this Advice Letters are filed. The Advice Letter process does not provide for any Protests, Responses or other comments, except for a reply by Great Oaks Water Company, after the 20-day comment period expires. The address for mailing or delivering a Protest or Response is:

Tariff Unit, Water Division, 3rd floor
California Public Utilities Commission,
505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102
water_division@cpuc.ca.gov

On the same date any Protest or Response is submitted to the Water Division, the protesting or responding person, entity or party must serve a copy of the Protest or Response on Great Oaks addressed to Timothy S. Guster, Great Oaks Water Co., 20 Great Oaks Blvd. Suite 120, San Jose, CA 95119, 408-227-9540, 408 227-7126 (fax), tguster@greatoaks.com.

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