

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

505 VAN NESS AVENUE
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94102-3298

February 6, 2012

File No.: 602-19

Danny G. Lukins
President
Lukins Brothers Water Company
2031 West Way
LAKE TAHOE CA 96150

Dear Mr. Lukins:

The Commission has received and filed the utility's request in Advice Letter No. 44 to offset the increase in the Consumer Price Index in accordance with Decision 92-03-093. The authorized increase is \$7,081.91 or 1.50% which shall be applied to monthly quantity and service charge rates. We have thus incorporated into our tariff record the following Cal. P.U.C. Tariff Sheets you submitted:

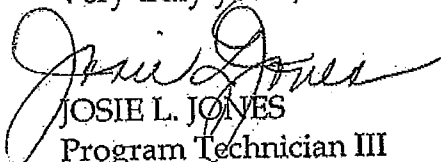
Cal. P.U.C.
Sheet No.

Title of Sheet

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| 373-W | Schedule No. 1A, Annual Metered Service |
| 374-W | Schedule 2A, Annual Flat Rate Service |
| 375-W | Schedule 4, Private Fire Protection Service |
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Enclosed is a copy of the approved advice letter and tariff sheets, with the filing and effective dates shown, for the utility's files.

Very truly yours,

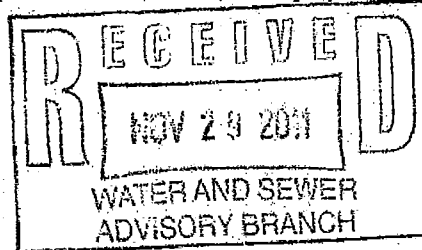

JOSIE L. JONES
Program Technician III
Water and Sewer Advisory Branch

Enclosures

cc: Fred Curry
150 Lapsdale Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94127

**CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES
COMMISSION
DIVISION OF WATER AND
AUDITS
Advice Letter Cover Sheet**

(Date Filed / Received Stamp by CPUC)



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|----------------|--|--|---|----------------------|
| AL # 44 | Date Mailed to Service List: 12/1/2011 | Requested Effective Date: As soon as possible | Requested Tier: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tier 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Tier 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Tier 3 | |
| Replacing AL#: | Authorization for Filing: D.92-03-093 et al | Compliance Filing? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Rate \$ Impact % | \$ 7,081.91 1.50% |

The public has 20 days from Date Mailed (above) to protest this advice letter. If you chose to protest or respond to the advice letter, send Protest and/or Correspondence within 20 days to:

and if you have email capability, also email to:

Your protest also must be served on the Utility

Director
Division of Water and Audits
505 Van Ness Ave.
San Francisco, CA 94102
water_division@cpuc.ca.gov
(see attached advice letter for more information and grounds for protest)

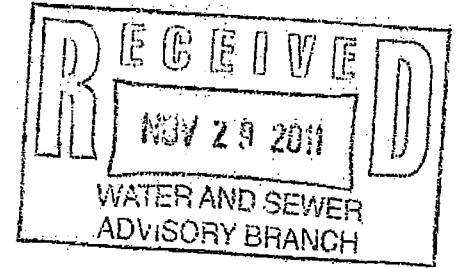
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| Company Name: Lukins Brothers Water Company | | CPUC Utility Number: WTA _____ WTB _____ WTC 142 WTD _____ SWR _____ | |
| Address: 2031 West Way | | | |
| City, State, Zip: Lake Tahoe, CA 96150 | | | |
| Contact Name: | Phone No. | Email Address: | |
| Filer Jennifer Lukins | (530) 541-2606 | jeniffer@lukinswater.com | |
| Alternate Fred L. Curry | (415) 759-9244 | flcurry@gmail.com | |

Description:
Consumer Price Index Increase for 2011

(FOR CPUC USE ONLY)

| | |
|--------------------------|---|
| WTS Budget/Activity/Type | Process as: <input type="checkbox"/> Tier 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Tier 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Tier 3 |
| Project Manager: | 20th Day _____ 30th day _____ |
| Analyst: | Suspended on: _____ |
| Due Date: | Extended on: _____ |
| Completion Date: | Resolution No.: _____ |
| | AL/Tariff Effective Date: _____ |

Lukins Brothers Water Company
2031 West Way
Lake Tahoe, CA 96150



11/27/2011

Advice Letter No. 44

TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Lukins Brothers Water Company (Lukins Bros.)
herby transmits for filing the following changes in its tariff schedules and two copies of each are attached hereto:

| <u>Cal. P.U.C.</u> | | | <u>Cancelling</u> |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| <u>Sheet No.</u> | <u>Title of Sheet</u> | <u>Schedule No.</u> | <u>Sheet No.</u> |
| 373-W | Annual Metered Service | 1A | 356-W |
| 374-W | Annual Flat Rate Service | 2A | 358-W |
| 375-W | Private Fire Protection Service | 4 | 360-W |
| 376-W | Table of Contents | None | 372-W |

The present rates became effective on October 22, 2009 pursuant to Advice Letter No. 41, which implemented the interim rates approved by Res. No. 4791, October 15, 2009, which authorized a 23% rate of margin that would produce \$81,119 in net revenue.

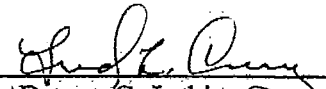
These tariffs are submitted pursuant to Ordering Paragraph No. 1 of Decision No. 92-03-093, dated March 3, 1992, Ordering Paragraph No. 2 of Resolution (Res.) W-4493, dated September 2, 2004, or Ordering Paragraph No. 1 of Res. W-4540, dated June 16, 2005. The decision and resolutions authorized Class B, C, and D water utilities and sewer utilities to file a request for a Consumer Price Index increase once a year by advice letter. The increase is to be passed on to the utility's customers in their quantity rate and service charge. The above referenced decision and resolutions authorize Lukins Bros. to file the attached rate schedules and to concurrently withdraw and cancel its present schedules for such service.

Lukins Bros. requests permission to increase its revenues (based on increase to the present monthly quantity rate and service charge) by 1.5%, the CPI-U for 2011. This projected revenue increase of \$7081.91 will not result in a Rate of Margin that exceeds the authorized 23% approved by Res. No. W-4791, October 15, 2009. Workpapers justifying this increase are attached

This filing is made under the provisions of General Order No. 96-B.

This filing will not cause withdrawal of service, nor conflict with any other schedule or rule.

Lukins Brothers Water Company

By: 
for Danny G. Lukins

ANNUAL METERED SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all metered water service furnished on an annual basis

TERRITORY

This schedule is applicable within the entire territory served by the utility. (T)

RATES

| Quantity Rates | <u>Per Meter Per Month</u> | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|-----|
| All water, per 100 cu. ft. | \$ 1.50 | (I) |
| | | |
| Service Charge: | <u>Per Meter Per Year</u> | |
| For 5/8 x 3/4 -inch meter | \$ 175.48 | (I) |
| For 3/4 -inch meter | \$ 263.23 | |
| For 1 -inch meter | \$ 395.96 | |
| For 1-1/2 -inch meter | \$ 524.96 | |
| For 2 -inch meter | \$ 701.92 | |
| For 3 -inch meter | \$ 1,304.66 | |
| For 4 -inch meter | \$ 1,781.82 | |
| For 6 -inch meter | \$ 3,563.63 | |
| For 8 -inch meter | \$ 5,701.82 | |
| For 10 -inch meter | \$ 8,196.37 | (I) |

The Service Charge is a readiness-to-serve charge which is applicable to all metered service and to which is to be added the charge computed at the Quantity Rate.

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(To be inserted by utility)
 Advice Letter No. 44
 Decision No. 92-03-093

Issued by
Danny G. Lukins
 NAME
President
 TITLE

(To be inserted by Cal. P.U.C.)
 Date Filed NOV 29 2011
 Effective DEC 22 2011
 Resolution No. _____

Schedule No. 2A

ANNUAL FLAT RATE SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all residential water service furnished on a flat rate basis

TERRITORY

This schedule is applicable within the entire territory served by the utility. (T)

RATES

Water Per Year

| | | |
|---|-----------|-----|
| For a single family residential unit, including premises | \$ 401.45 | (I) |
| For each additional single-family residential unit on the same premises and served from the same service connection | \$ 240.87 | (I) |
| Hotels, apartments and motels: For first room or unit | \$ 401.45 | (I) |
| For each additional room or unit on the same premises and served from the same service connection | \$ 200.73 | (I) |
| For each market, store or office | \$ 401.45 | (I) |

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. The above residential flat rate charges apply to service connections not larger than one inch in diameter.
2. For service covered by the above classifications, if the utility so elects, a meter shall be installed and service provided under Schedule 1A, Annual Metered Service, effective as of the first day of the following calendar month. Where the flat rate charge for a period has been paid in advance, refund of the prorated difference between such flat rate payment and the meter service charge for the same period shall be made on or before that date.

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Issued by
Danny G. Lukins
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President
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Date Filed NOV 29 2011
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Resolution No. _____

Schedule No. 4

PRIVATE FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to water service furnished for private fire protection systems and to private fire hydrants.

TERRITORY

This schedule is applicable within the entire territory served by the utility. (T)

RATES

| | <u>Per Year</u> | |
|---|-----------------|-----|
| For each inch of diameter of service connection | \$ 92.53 | (I) |

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. The fire protection service connection will be installed by the utility and the cost paid by the applicant. Such payment shall not be subject to refund.
2. The maximum diameter for fire protection services shall not be more than the diameter of the main to which to service is connected.
3. If a distribution main of adequate size to serve a private fire protection system in addition to all other normal service does not exist in the street or alley adjacent to the premises to be served, then a service main from the nearest existing main of adequate capacity shall be installed by the utility and the cost paid by the applicant. Such payment shall not be subject to refund.
4. Service hereunder is for private fire protection systems to which no connections for other than fire protection purposes are allowed. The fire protection service connection shall be installed by the utility, according to specifications of the San Bernardino County Fire Department and the cost paid by the applicant. Such payment shall not be subject to refund. The utility may install a meter or the standard detector type meter approved by the Board of Fire Underwriters for protection against theft, leakage or wast of water. The cost of the facilities will be paid by the applicant and not subject to refund.
5. The utility undertakes to supply only such water at such pressure as may be available at any time through the normal operation of the system.

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President

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TITLE

Resolution No. _____

TABLE OF CONTENTS

The following listed tariff sheets contain all effective rates and affecting rates and service of the utility, together with information relating thereto:

| <u>Subject Matter of Sheet</u> | <u>Cal. P.U. C. Sheet No.</u> | | |
|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------|
| Title Page | | 294-W | |
| Table of Contents | 376-W, | 368-W | (C) |
| Preliminary Statement | | 91-W, 62-W, 370-W, 371-W | |
| Service Area Map | | 92-W | |
| Rate Schedules: | | | |
| Schedule No. 1A, Annual Metered Service | 373-W, | 357-W | (C) |
| Schedule No. 2A, Annual Flat Rate Service | 374-W, | 359-W | (C) |
| Schedule No. 4, Private Fire Protection Service | | 375-W | (C) |
| Schedule No. LC, Late Payment Charge | | 269-W | |
| Schedule No. UF, Surcharge to Fund PUC Reimbursement Fee | | 351-W | |
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| No. 2 Description of Service | | 104-W | |
| No. 3 Application for Service | | 361-W | |
| No. 4 Contracts | | 119-W | |
| No. 5 Special Information Required on Forms | 362-W - | 364-W | |
| No. 6 Establishment & Re-establishment of Credit | | 120-W | |
| No. 7 Deposits | 326-W, | 327-W | |
| No. 8 Notices | 256-W, | 257-W | |
| No. 9 Rendering and Payment of Bills | 270-W, | 271-W | |
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| No. 11 Discontinuance & Restoration of Service | 272-W- | 279-W | |
| No. 12 Information Available to Public | 130-W, | 131-W | |
| No. 13 Temporary Service | 132-W, | 133-W | |
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| No. 16 Service Connections, Meters, and Customer's Facilities | 310-W - | 316-W | |
| No. 17 Measurement of Service | | 135-W | |
| No. 18 Meter Tests and Adjustment of Bills for Meter Error | 136-W- | 138-W | |
| No. 19 Service to Separate Premises and Multiple Units, and Resale of Water | 218-W, | 219-W | (T) (T) |
| No. 20 Water Conservation | | 317-W | |
| No. 21 Fire Protection | | 318-W | |

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Issued by
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President

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Resolution No. _____

| Category | Most Recent Adopted in Resolution W-4791 | Actual 2010 | CPI Increase @1.5% on Adopted Revenue Only | Revenues After CPI Increase, Actual Expenses, & Actual Rate Base |
|---------------------------------------|--|----------------------|--|--|
| | a | b | c=a*1.5% | (Revenues) d=b+c |
| Operating Revenues: | | | | |
| Flat Rate | \$ 439,902.00 | \$ 447,802.00 | \$ 6,717.03 | \$ 454,519.03 |
| Metered | \$ 29,916.00 | \$ 20,360.00 | \$ 305.40 | \$ 20,665.40 |
| Fire Protection Revenue | \$ 4,097.00 | \$ 2,700.00 | \$ 40.50 | |
| Other Water Revenue | \$ 3,526.00 | \$ 1,265.00 | \$ 18.98 | \$ 1,283.98 |
| TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES | \$ 477,441.00 | \$ 472,127.00 | \$ 7,081.91 | \$ 476,468.41 |
| Operating Expenses | | | | |
| Purchased Water | | \$ - | | \$ - |
| Purchased Power | \$ 34,671.00 | \$ 25,237.00 | | \$ 25,237.00 |
| Purchased Chemicals | | \$ - | | \$ - |
| Other Volume Related Expenses | \$ 250.00 | | | \$ - |
| Employee Labor | \$ 31,200.00 | \$ 52,320.00 | | \$ 52,320.00 |
| Materials | \$ 5,000.00 | \$ 10,283.00 | | \$ 10,283.00 |
| Contract Work | \$ 25,000.00 | \$ 54,204.00 | | \$ 54,204.00 |
| Water Testing | \$ 6,000.00 | | | \$ - |
| Transportation Expense | \$ 5,000.00 | \$ 7,671.00 | | \$ 7,671.00 |
| Other Plant Maintenance | \$ 7,000.00 | \$ 9,142.00 | | \$ 9,142.00 |
| Office Salaries | \$ 63,586.00 | \$ 85,497.00 | | \$ 85,497.00 |
| Management Salaries | \$ 50,968.00 | \$ 40,769.00 | | \$ 40,769.00 |
| Employee pension and Benefits | \$ 21,600.00 | \$ 4,895.00 | | \$ 4,895.00 |
| Uncollectibles | \$ 7,000.00 | \$ - | | \$ - |
| Office Service and Rentals | \$ 24,100.00 | \$ 55,106.00 | | \$ 55,106.00 |
| Office Supplies and Expenses | \$ 15,000.00 | \$ 15,224.00 | | \$ 15,224.00 |
| Professional service | \$ 2,000.00 | \$ 3,619.00 | | \$ 3,619.00 |
| Insurance | \$ 10,000.00 | \$ 14,730.00 | | \$ 14,730.00 |
| Regulatory Commission Expense | \$ 220.00 | \$ - | | \$ - |
| General Expenses | \$ 6,000.00 | \$ 8,768.00 | | \$ 8,768.00 |
| SUBTOTAL | \$ 314,595.00 | \$ 387,465.00 | | \$ 387,465.00 |
| Depreciation | \$ 13,247.00 | \$ 15,694.00 | | \$ 15,694.00 |
| Taxes Other than Income | \$ 34,400.00 | \$ 36,396.00 | | \$ 36,396.00 |
| State and Federal Income Taxes | \$ 34,081.00 | \$ 834.00 | | \$ 834.00 |
| Interest | | | | \$ - |
| TOTAL DEDUCTIONS | \$ 396,323.00 | \$ 440,389.00 | | \$ 440,389.00 |
| NET REVENUE | \$ 81,118.00 | \$ 31,738.00 | | \$ 36,079.41 |
| RATE BASE | | | | |
| Average Plant | \$ 821,716.00 | \$ 837,344.50 | | \$ 837,344.50 |
| Less Average Accumulated Depreciation | \$ 705,537.00 | \$ 616,682.00 | | \$ 616,682.00 |
| NET PLANT | \$ 116,179.00 | \$ 220,662.50 | | \$ 220,662.50 |
| Less Advances & Contributions | | \$ 2,250.00 | | \$ 2,250.00 |
| Plus Materials & Supplies | | \$ 730.00 | | \$ 730.00 |
| | | | | \$ - |
| RATE BASE | \$ 116,179.00 | \$ 217,682.50 | | \$ 217,682.50 |
| RATE OF RETURN | 69.82% | 14.58% | | 16.57% |
| RATE OF MARGIN | \$ 0.34 | | | \$ 0.19 |

LUKINS BROTHERS WATER COMPANY, INC.

ADVICE LETTER NO. 44

SERVICE LIST

(Per Section 4.3 of GENERAL ORDER NO. 96-B)

Via First Class US Mail
Service List:

City of South Lake Tahoe
Administrative Center
1901 Airport Blvd.
So. Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

El Dorado County
Development Services Dept.
3368 Lake Tahoe Blvd., Suite 302
So. Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

South Tahoe Public Utility District
1275 Meadow Crest Dr.
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

Tahoe Keys Property Owners' Association
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