

NORTH GUALALA WATER COMPANY, INC.
NOTICE OF PROPOSED RATE INCREASE AND PUBLIC MEETING
WITH THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION STAFF

By Advice Letter No. 91, North Gualala Water Company (NGWC) has requested authority from the CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (Commission), to increase its water rates by \$315,990 or 34.47% in test year 2015 over present rates. NGWC's last General Rate Case (GRC) rate increase became effective on March 24, 2012 pursuant to Resolution No.W-4916. The proposed rate increase is necessary to offset increased operating expenses and provide NGWC a reasonable rate of return on utility plant investments. Additionally, NGWC is requesting to amortize \$471,121.34 from its Water Supply Compliance Memorandum Account for expenditures associated with NGWC's compliance with State Water Resources Control Board's Order WR 2001-14, through a surcharge of \$9.55 per customer per month over a period of 48 months.

The Commission staff will hold a public meeting **on March 19, 2015 at 6:00 PM, in the Conference Room located at 38958 Cypress Way, Gualala** to explain the increase process and receive public input.

NGWC proposes to increase rates as follows:

General Metered Service	<u>Per Meter Per Month</u>	
<u>Quantity Rates</u>	<u>Present Rates</u>	<u>Proposed Rates</u>
For 5/8 x 3/4 inch meter:		
First 300 cu. ft. of water per 100 cu. ft.	\$ 5.91	\$ 8.39
Over 300 cu. ft. of water per 100 cu. ft.	\$ 7.50	\$ 10.66
All other meter sizes:		
All water, per 100 cu. ft.	\$ 7.39	\$ 10.66
 <u>Service Charge Rates</u>		
For 5/8 x 3/4 inch meter.....	\$ 40.60	\$ 51.00
For 3/4 inch meter.....	\$ 60.90	\$ 76.50
For 1 inch meter.....	\$ 101.50	\$ 127.50
For 1 1/2 inch meter.....	\$ 203.00	\$ 255.00
For 2 inch meter.....	\$ 324.80	\$ 408.00
For 3 inch meter.....	\$ 609.00	\$ 765.00
For 4 inch meter.....	\$ 1,015.00	\$ 1,275.01

The Service Charge is a Readiness to Serve Charge, which is applicable to all metered service and to which is added the charge for water used computed at the applicable Quantity Rate(s).

The Commission staff will make a thorough investigation of the utility's request. Following the investigation, the Commission may grant the utility'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.

The public meeting is informal and affords customers the opportunity to ask questions and express their views. NGWC will have representatives at the meeting to explain the reasons for the proposed increase. A Commission Staff member will conduct the meeting and explain how the staff will analyze the NGWC's rate increase request.

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 NGWC, or you can send a response to the Commission.

Protest 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 **North Gualala Water Company, Inc., 2015 General Rate Case.**

California Public Utilities Commission
Division of Water and Audits
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102
Fax: (415) 703-2481
E-mail: water_division@cpuc.ca.gov

North Gualala Water Company, Inc.
P.O. Box 1000
Gualala, CA 95445
Telephone: (707) 884-3579
Fax: (707) 884-1620
Email: office@ngwco.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 ten (10) business days, contact NGWC at (707) 884-3579.

A copy of NGWC's filing may be inspected at their business office located on 38958 Cypress Way, Gualala, CA 95445. By calling (707) 884-3579, you may request a copy to be mailed to you. You will be billed for the copies at \$0.10 per page.

Further information may be obtained from the utility at its business office or from the Commission at the above address.

NOTE: THE MEETING PLACE IS ACCESSIBLE TO THE PHYSICALLY DISABLED

Mailed on February 24, 2015