

# Notice of Request for SDWBA Loan #1 Surcharge Increase and to Add a SDWBA/SRF Loan Balancing Account to Utility's Preliminary Statement

On August 9, 2018, North Gualala Water Company (NGWC) filed Advice Letter 112 with the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission), requesting permission to do the following:

1. Increase the present Safe Drinking Water Bond Act (SDWBA) Loan #1 surcharge by approximately 8.23% to meet future loan payments.
2. Add a SDWBA/SRF Loan Balancing Account in the utility's Preliminary Statement to track monies collected and costs pertaining to SDWBA and SRF loans.

The proposed surcharge rates are:

Meter Size	Current Surcharge	Proposed Surcharge	Increase	% Increase
5/8 x 3/4-inch	\$ 14.70	\$ 15.91	\$ 1.21	8.23%
3/4-inch	\$ 22.05	\$ 23.87	\$ 1.82	8.25%
1-inch	\$ 36.75	\$ 39.78	\$ 3.03	8.24%
1 1/2-inch	\$ 73.50	\$ 79.55	\$ 6.05	8.23%
2-inch	\$117.60	\$127.28	\$ 9.68	8.23%
3-inch	\$220.50	\$238.65	\$18.15	8.23%
4-inch	\$367.50	\$397.75	\$30.25	8.23%

As shown above, the monthly surcharge for a 5/8 x 3/4-inch metered customer will change from \$14.70 to \$15.91, an increase of \$1.21 or 8.23%.

## **Protest and Responses**

There are two ways to respond to this notice. You can send a protest to the CPUC and the utility or you can send a response to the CPUC, with a copy to the utility if you wish.

A protest objects to the granting in whole or in part of the authority sought in the advice letter and must set forth the specific grounds on which it is based and shall provide citations or proof where available to allow staff to properly consider the protest. A response supports the filing and may contain information that proves useful to the Commission in its evaluation. The grounds for protests are:

1. The utility did not properly serve or give notice of the advice letter.
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.
3. The analysis, calculations, or data in the advice letter contains material error or omissions.
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 filing 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 response or protest must be made in writing and must be received by the Water Division via mail within 20 days of the date of this Notice. The mailing address is:

Tariff Unit, Division of Water and Audits, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
California Public Utilities Commission  
505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102  
E-Mail: [water\\_division@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:water_division@cpuc.ca.gov)

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 fax, to NGWC:

North Gualala Water Company  
PO Box 1000.  
Gualala, CA 95445  
Fax (707) 884-1620

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 considered. The informing document should include an estimated date on which the proposed protest may be voted on.