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NOTIFICATION OF APPLICATION BY SAN JOSE WATER COMPANY REQUESTING A RATE INCREASE FOR ADVANCED METERING INFRASTRUCTURE APPLICATION NO. 19-12-002

San Jose Water Company (SJWC) has filed [Application 19-12-002](#) with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), requesting to increase water service rates to fund the deployment of Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI).

In compliance with CPUC Decisions [\(D.\)16-06-004](#) and [D.16-12-026](#)¹, SJWC completed a pilot study of AMI, the results of which are summarized in the application, and is now requesting to deploy AMI throughout its service area in this application.

Currently meter reads are read manually and provided to most residential customers once every two months as part of their bill. AMI technology includes advanced meters that can take hourly readings every day and a data transmission system to provide this water usage data to both customers and utility staff in near real time. This technology is a critical tool that will help customers comply with the State Water Resources Control Board's (SWRCB) water use standards, reduce water loss through the early notification of continuous flow which signifies the presence of leaks, and minimize the company's carbon footprint.

THE APPLICATION

To fund the AMI upgrades, SJWC's application is requesting revenue increases of \$2,315,000 or 0.61% in 2021, \$3,960,000 or 1.04% in 2022, and \$2,510,000 or 0.65% in 2023, and \$341,000 or 0.09% in 2024.

The following tables summarize SJWC's forecasted rate increases for meter and quantity charges associated with the proposed project and requested revenue increases as stated above:

Schedule 1 – General Metered Service and Schedule 1C - Mountain District

Meter Size (inch)	Current Monthly Service Charge	Service Charge Rates Proposed in SJWC's Application			
		2021	2022	2023	2024
5/8x3/4	\$39.57	\$39.81	\$40.23	\$40.49	\$40.52
3/4	\$39.57	\$39.81	\$40.23	\$40.49	\$40.52
1	\$65.94	\$66.34	\$67.03	\$67.47	\$67.53
1.5	\$131.90	\$132.71	\$134.09	\$134.97	\$135.09
2	\$211.04	\$212.33	\$214.54	\$215.94	\$216.13
3	\$395.70	\$398.13	\$402.28	\$404.91	\$405.27
4	\$659.49	\$663.54	\$670.46	\$674.85	\$675.45
6	\$1,318.99	\$1,327.08	\$1,340.92	\$1,349.69	\$1,350.88
8	\$2,110.39	\$2,123.34	\$2,145.49	\$2,159.53	\$2,161.44
10	\$3,033.67	\$3,052.28	\$3,084.12	\$3,104.30	\$3,107.04

¹ D.16-12-026 "...orders Class A water utilities to propose AMI deployment in their upcoming General Rate Case applications through a phase-in to AMI over one or two rate case cycles for conversion of existing customer analog meters to AMI."

Quantity Charges (per ccf) for Residential Customers with a 5/8x3/4-inch, 3/4-inch, 1-inch, 1.5-inch, and 2-inch meters:

Monthly Usage (ccf)	Current Monthly Quantity Charge	Quantity Charge Rates Proposed in SJWC's Application			
		2021	2022	2023	2024
0-3	\$3.2036	\$3.2234	\$3.2573	\$3.2787	\$3.2817
4-18	\$4.8059	\$4.8356	\$4.8864	\$4.9186	\$4.9230
Over 18	\$6.4077	\$6.4473	\$6.5150	\$6.5580	\$6.5638

For all other customers:

Current Monthly Quantity Charge	Quantity Charge Rates Proposed in SJWC's Application			
	2021	2022	2023	2024
\$4.8059	\$4.8356	\$4.8864	\$4.9186	\$4.9230

For the typical customer with a 3/4-inch meter using 11 ccf (one ccf = 748 gallons) of water per month, the monthly water charges will increase by \$0.54 or 0.60% from \$90.23 at present rates to \$90.78 in 2021, by \$0.94 or 1.03% to \$91.71 in 2022, by \$0.59 or 0.64% to \$92.30 in 2023, and by \$0.08 or 0.09% to \$92.38 in 2024. These amounts include 1.23% charge to fund the CPUC. The rates shown on your water bill may vary slightly from the existing rates shown above due to temporary surcredits or surcharges in effect from time to time.

A copy of SJWC's Application and further information may be obtained from the company's customer service office located at:

San Jose Water
 110 West Taylor Street
 San Jose, CA 95110
 Telephone: 408.279.7900
www.sjwater.com

The application may also be reviewed in person at the CPUC's Central Files Office by appointment. For more information, contact aljcentralfilesid@cpuc.ca.gov or 1-415-703-2045.

THE CPUC PROCESS

This application will be assigned to an Administrative Law Judge (Judge) who will determine how to receive evidence and other related documents necessary for the CPUC to establish a record upon which to base its decision. Evidentiary hearings may be held where parties of record will present their testimony and may be subject to cross-examination before the Judge. These hearings are open to the public, but only those who are parties of record may present evidence or cross-examine witnesses. After considering all proposals and all evidence presented during the formal hearing process, the Judge will issue a draft decision which may adopt all or part of SJWC's request, modify, or deny the application. Any of the five CPUC Commissioners may sponsor an alternate decision and the issue will be voted on at a scheduled CPUC Voting Meeting.

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Please refer to **SJWC's AMI Application No. 19-12-002** in any communications with the CPUC regarding this matter. These comments will become part of the public correspondence file for this proceeding and made available for review to the assigned Judge, the Commissioners, and appropriate CPUC staff.