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NOTICE OF APPLICATION

**Liberty Utilities (Apple Valley Ranchos Water) Corp.'s Request to Increase Water Rates
APPLICATION NO. A.21-07-003**

Why am I receiving this notice?

On July 2, 2021, Liberty Utilities (Apple Valley Ranchos Water) Corp. (Liberty Apple Valley) filed its General Rate Case (GRC) Application with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). The application filing by Liberty Apple Valley requests to increase rates over a three-year period, covering the years 2022 through 2024. This request to increase rates would be effective beginning July 1, 2022.

Why is Liberty Apple Valley requesting this rate increase?

The CPUC requires Liberty Apple Valley to submit a GRC application every three years. Liberty Apple Valley is requesting authorization to increase revenues by \$2,862,903 (or 11.11%) for 2022, \$2,068,273 (or 7.18%) in 2023, and \$2,280,637 (or 7.35%) in 2024. The total requested increase for all three years combined would be \$7,211,813 (or 25.64%).

The purpose of this GRC is for Liberty Apple Valley to cover its anticipated costs from 2022 through 2024 for improvements to the water supply system, property taxes, pension and benefits expense, depreciation expense and costs for centralized corporate support services, such as financial, accounting, treasury and human resources.

How could this affect my monthly water rates?

If the proposed application is approved by the CPUC, the average residential customer with a 5/8 x 3/4" meter using 11.83 Ccf would see a monthly bill increase of \$9.58 (or 13.06%) from \$73.31 to \$82.89 in 2022. In 2023 the average residential customer would see a monthly bill increase of \$5.96 (or 7.19%), from \$82.89 to \$88.85, and a monthly bill increase of \$6.49 (or 7.30%), from \$88.85 to \$95.34 in 2024, excluding any applicable surcharges.

Monthly Meter Service Charge (\$) Schedule

	2020 (current)	2022 (proposed)	Increase	2023 (proposed)	Increase	2024 (proposed)	Increase
5/8	23.77	43.84	84.43%	47.01	7.23%	50.47	7.36%
3/4	35.66	65.76	84.43%	70.52	7.23%	75.71	7.36%
1	59.43	109.60	84.43%	117.53	7.23%	126.18	7.36%
1 1/2	118.85	219.20	84.43%	235.05	7.23%	252.35	7.36%
2	190.16	350.72	84.43%	376.08	7.23%	403.76	7.36%
3	356.55	657.60	84.43%	705.15	7.23%	757.05	7.36%
4	594.25	1,096.00	84.43%	1,175.25	7.23%	1,261.75	7.36%
6	1,188.50	2,192.00	84.43%	2,350.05	7.23%	2,523.50	7.36%
8	1,901.60	3,507.20	84.43%	3,760.8	7.23%	4,037.60	7.36%
10	3,446.65	6,356.80	84.43%	6,816.45	7.23%	7,318.15	7.36%

Commodity Rate Schedule (\$)

Residential Customers		Rates Proposed in AVR's Application					
Usage	Present Rates	2022 Rates	Change	2023 Rates	Change	2024 Rates	Change
0 to 13 Ccf	4.142	3.300	-20.33%	3.536	7.15%	3.792	7.24%
13 to 26 Ccf	4.796	4.125	-13.99%	4.420	7.15%	4.740	7.24%
Over 26 Ccf	5.450	4.950	-9.17%	5.304	7.15%	5.688	7.24%
Other Customers: (Business, Industrial Public Authority)	4.453	3.300	-25.89%	3.536	7.15%	3.792	7.24%
Gravity Irrigation	0.321	0.419	30.53%	0.464	10.74%	0.548	18.10%

How does the rest of this process work?

This application will be assigned to a CPUC Administrative Law Judge who will consider proposals and evidence presented during the formal hearing process. The Administrative Law Judge will issue a proposed decision that may adopt Apple Valley Ranchos Water's application, modify it, or deny it. Any CPUC Commissioner may sponsor an alternate decision with a different outcome. The proposed decision, and any alternate decisions, will be discussed and voted upon by the CPUC Commissioners at a public CPUC Voting Meeting.

Parties to the proceeding are currently reviewing Apple Valley Ranchos Water's application, including the Public Advocates Office, which is an independent consumer advocate within the CPUC that represents customers to obtain the lowest possible rate for service consistent with reliable and safe service levels. For more information regarding the Public Advocates Office, please call 1-415-703-1584, email PublicAdvocatesOffice@cpuc.ca.gov, or visit PublicAdvocates.cpuc.ca.gov.

Where can I get more information?

Contact Liberty Apple Valley

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Mail: Liberty Utilities (Apple Valley Ranchos Water) Corp.
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A copy of the Application and any related documents may also be reviewed at <http://www.libertyutilities.com>.

Contact CPUC

Please visit apps.cpuc.ca.gov/c/A2107003 to submit a comment about this proceeding on the CPUC Docket Card. You can also view documents and other public comments related to this rate request.

If you have questions about CPUC processes, you may contact the CPUC's Public Advisor's Office at:

Phone: **1-866-849-8390** (toll-free) or **1-415-703-2074**

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Please reference **Application No. A.21-07-003** in any communications you have with the CPUC regarding this matter.