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NOTICE OF PUBLIC FORUM(S) (Public Participation Hearing)
Liberty Utilities (Apple Valley Ranchos Water) Corp.'s Request to Increase Water Rates
APPLICATION 23-05-004

How can I participate?

Liberty Utilities (Apple Valley Ranchos Water) Corp. (Liberty Apple Valley) and the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) would like to hear from you. You are invited to participate in a Public Forum, also called a Public Participation Hearing (PPH), about Liberty Apple Valley's cost of capital application.

This Public Forum is part of a formal proceeding that will be documented and placed into the formal record so the CPUC can make a decision about Liberty Apple Valley's request. You can make comments and raise concerns to the CPUC Administrative Law Judge overseeing this application.

You can also provide written public comments at any time during the proceeding at apps.cpuc.ca.gov/c/A2305004.

Where and when will these Public Forums be held?

The virtual hearings can be viewed by internet, or listened to by phone, with the information below. If you wish to make a public comment, please participate by phone using the phone number below, press *1, unmute your phone and provide your name when prompted.

DATE	TIME	VIRTUAL HEARING DETAILS
November 9, 2023	2 p.m.	Phone number: 1-800-857-1917 Passcode: 6032788# (English) Press "*1" to alert the operator if you want to speak. View-only webcast: www.adminmonitor.com/ca/cpuc
November 9, 2023	6 p.m.	

For updates and additional information, please visit: www.cpuc.ca.gov/pph

Please note: If you need a language interpreter, please contact the CPUC's Public Advisor's Office using the contact information at the end of this notice at least five business days before the Public Forum.

Why am I receiving this notice?

On May 1, 2023, Liberty Apple Valley filed its cost of capital application (A.23-05-004) with the CPUC. The application is requesting a total increase of \$987,700.

If the CPUC approves this application, Liberty Apple Valley will recover forecasted costs in rates over a three-year period beginning July 1, 2024. This will increase your bill.

Why is Liberty Apple Valley requesting this rate increase?

The CPUC requires Liberty Apple Valley to file a cost of capital application every three years. The cost of capital determines the amount of money Liberty Apple Valley is allowed to recover in rates as a return on the funds it has invested in utility infrastructure used in providing water service.

How could this affect my water bill?

If Liberty Apple Valley's rate request is approved by the CPUC, the average residential bill with a 5/8" x 3/4" meter using 11.95 CCF (CCF is one hundred cubic feet or 748 gallons) per month would increase by approximately \$2.79 or 3.31% per month, from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2027. The table below excludes applicable taxes and surcharges.

Rate Impact on Average Residential Customer's Bill

	Present Monthly Bill	Proposed Increase	Proposed Monthly Bill	Proposed Increase %
5/8 inch x 3/4 inch meter	\$84.50	\$2.79	\$87.29	3.31%

How does the rest of this process work?

This application has been 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 Liberty Apple Valley'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 will review Liberty Apple Valley'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 about 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

Phone: **1-800-481-9190**

Email: DLCAAVRCustomerService@libertyutilities.com

Mail: Liberty Utilities (Apple Valley Ranchos Water) Corp.

Attention: Regulatory Department

21760 Ottawa Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308

A copy of the application and any related documents may also be reviewed at:

www.libertyutilities.com/2024costofcapital/

Contact CPUC

Please visit apps.cpuc.ca.gov/c/A2305004 to submit a comment about this proceeding on the CPUC Docket Card.

Here you can also view documents and other public comments related to this proceeding.

Your participation by providing your thoughts on Liberty Apple Valley's request can help the CPUC make an informed decision.

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

Email: Public.Advisor@cpuc.ca.gov

Mail: CPUC Public Advisor's Office

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Please reference **Application 23-05-004** in any communications you have with the CPUC regarding this matter.