



**Suburban  
Water Systems**

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**VIA EMAIL**

February 13, 2020

James Boothe, Division of Water and Audits  
California Public Utilities Commission  
505 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear Mr. Boothe:

Pursuant to Division of Water and Audits letters dated April 15, 2014, June 16, 2014, Suburban Water Systems ("Suburban") hereby submits its Semi-Annual Report on Balances in Utility Balancing Accounts and Reserve Accounts, in addition to the response to the data request as detailed in Attachment A.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Kelly  
Vice President, Regulatory Affairs

Cc: Elizabeth Echols, Director of the Public Advocates Office  
Chris Ungson, Deputy Director, Water & Communications  
Richard Smith, Program Manager, Water Branch

**Attachment A**  
**Suburban Water Systems**  
**Balancing Account and Reserve Account Balances**  
**As of December 31, 2019**

Following are balances in Suburban's Purchased Power, Purchased Water and Pumped Water Balancing Accounts:

**TABLE 1**

No.	Commission – authorized	Outstanding Under/(Over) Collection Balance as of December 31, 2019	
		San Jose Hills (SJH) Service Areas	Whittier/La Mirada (WLM) Service Areas
1.	AL 335-W	\$1,938,969	\$882,984
2.	AL 339-W	\$4,289,539	\$3,147,955

Following are balances in Suburban's Purchased Power, Purchased Water and Pumped Water Reserve Accounts:

**TABLE 2**

No.	Description	Reserve Account Balances as of December 31, 2019	
		SJH Service Area	WLM Service Area
1.	Estimated accrual (Jul. – Dec. 2019)	\$1,220,976	\$1,428,453

Following are the authorized revenue requirements for the respective ratemaking area(s) for Attrition Year 2019:

**TABLE 3**

San Jose Hills Service Area	Whittier/La Mirada Service Area
\$48,249,796	\$34,933,920

Below are the additional information pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 792.5(e) 1-4 (The commission shall adopt balancing account review procedures that prioritize the review of the following balancing accounts):

- (1) Balancing accounts with a quarter-end balance with more than a 10-percent differential from the balancing account's authorized revenue amount.

Response: n/a

- (2) Balancing accounts with an authorized revenue amount that is in the top 25th percentile of all balancing accounts.

Response: n/a

- (3) Balancing accounts that have experienced volatile fluctuations in their quarterly balances over time.

Response: n/a

- (4) Balancing accounts that have not been reviewed in the previous three years.

Response:

The reserve accounts provided in Table 2 above.

<u>Utility Name</u>	<u>Balancing Account Name</u>	<u>Balancing Account Description</u>	<u>Authorizing Decision or Resolution or Advice Letter</u>	<u>Balance as of Dec. 31, 2019</u>	<u>Most Recent Conducted Review/Audit (either GRC or other Method)</u>	<u>Notes or Comments by Suburban</u>	<u>Review/Audit date(s)</u>
Suburban Water Systems	San Jose Hills Service Area	Purchased Power, Purchased Water and Pumped Water	AL 286-W		None, AL 286-W indicates effc October 1, 2011 Suburban Water Systems	Suburban filed the advice letter on 9/1/11. The water division reviewed the advice filing before it was approved on 9/30/11, and became effective on 10/1/11. On 10/31/14 the unamortized undercollection balance of \$861,796 was transferred to AL 308-W.	9/1/11 - 9/30/11
		Purchased Power, Purchased Water and Pumped Water	AL 289-W		None, AL 286-W indicates effec. April 4, 2012	Suburban filed the advice letter on 3/5/12. The water division reviewed the advice filing before it was approved on 4/2/12, and became effective on 4/4/12. On 10/31/14 the unamortized undercollection balance of \$318,542 was transferred to AL 308-W.	3/5/12 - 4/2/12
		Purchased Power, Purchased Water and Pumped Water	AL 301-W		None, amort bal AL eff date July 8, 2013	Suburban filed the advice letter on 6/7/13. The water division reviewed the advice filing before it was approved on 7/10/13, and became effective on 7/8/13. On 10/31/14 the unamortized overcollection balance of \$103,491 was transferred to AL 308-W.	6/7/13 - 7/10/13
		Purchased Power, Purchased Water and Pumped Water	AL 308-W			Suburban filed the advice letter on 10/31/14. The water division reviewed the advice filing before it was approved on 12/3/14, and became effective on 12/1/14.	10/31/14 - 12/3/14
		Water Revenue Adjustment Mechanism (WRAM)	AL 309-W (per D.14-12-038)				During GRC - A.14-12-004 (2/24/14 - 12/17/14)
		Purchased Power, Purchased Water and Pumped Water	AL 313-W-A			Suburban filed the advice letter on 9/16/15. The water division reviewed the advice filing before it was approved on 10/9/15, and became effective on 10/16/15.	9/16/15 - 10/9/15
		Purchased Power, Purchased Water and Pumped Water			n/a	This is the estimated reserve account balance in San Jose Hills Service Area.	
		Purchased Power, Purchased Water and Pumped Water	AL 335-W	\$1,938,969			
		Purchased Power, Purchased Water and Pumped Water	AL 339-W	\$4,289,539			
		Purchased Power, Purchased Water and Pumped Water		\$1,220,976		This is the estimated reserve account balance in San Jose Hills Service Area for period Jul. - Dec. 2019.	

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	Whittier/ La Mirada Service Area	Purchased Power, Purchased Water and Pumped Water	AL 286-W		None, AL 286-W indicates effc October 1, 2011 Suburban Water Systems	Suburban filed the advice letter on 9/1/11. The water division <u>reviewed</u> the advice filing before it was approved on 9/30/11, and became effective on 10/1/11. On 10/31/14 the unamortized undercollection balance of \$323,699 was transferred to AL 308-W.	9/1/11 - 9/30/11
		Purchased Power, Purchased Water and Pumped Water	AL 289-W		None, AL 286-W has effc date April 4, 2012	Suburban filed the advice letter on 3/5/12. The water division <u>reviewed</u> the advice filing before it was approved on 4/2/12, and became effective on 4/4/12. On 10/31/14 the unamortized undercollection balance of \$126,913 was transferred to AL 308-W.	3/5/12 - 4/2/12
		Purchased Power, Purchased Water and Pumped Water	AL 301-W		None, amort bal AL eff date July 8, 2013	Suburban filed the advice letter on 6/7/13. The water division <u>reviewed</u> the advice filing before it was approved on 7/10/13, and became effective on 7/8/13. On 10/31/14 the unamortized overcollection balance of \$4,882 was transferred to AL 308-W.	6/7/13 - 7/10/13
		Purchased Power, Purchased Water and Pumped Water	AL 308-W			Suburban filed the advice letter on 10/31/14. The water division <u>reviewed</u> the advice filing before it was approved on 12/3/14, and became effective on 12/1/14.	10/31/14 - 12/3/14
		Water Revenue Adjustment Mechanism (WRAM)	AL 309-W (per D.14-12-038)				During GRC - A.14-12-004 (2/24/14 - 12/17/14)
		Purchased Power, Purchased Water and Pumped Water	AL 313-W-A			Suburban filed the advice letter on 9/16/15. The water division reviewed the advice filing before it was approved on 10/9/15, and became effective on 10/16/15.	9/16/15 - 10/9/15
		Purchased Power, Purchased Water and Pumped Water			n/a	This is the estimated reserve account balance in Whittier/La Mirada Service Area.	
		Purchased Power, Purchased Water and Pumped Water	AL 335-W	\$882,984			
		Purchased Power, Purchased Water and Pumped Water	AL 339-W	\$3,147,955			
		Purchased Power, Purchased Water and Pumped Water		\$1,428,453		This is the estimated reserve account balance in Whittier/La Mirada Service Area for period Jul. - Dec. 2019.	