

Preliminary Statement
(continued)

This tariff sheet is effective as of **9/25/14**, but is subject to refund until approved by the California Public Utilities Commission.

AA2. Pension Cost Balancing Account (PCBA2)

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1. PURPOSE:

The PCBA2 will track the difference between the adopted pension expense and the total actual cost incurred as expense in California-regulated operations. The adopted and tracked expenses include only the expensed portion of benefits and exclude pension costs assigned to capitalized overhead, capitalized projects, out-of-state affiliates, and unregulated entities.

2. APPLICABILITY:

The PCBA2 is effective beginning January 1, 2014, through December 31, 2016, and applies to all ratemaking areas ("districts") and General Office. This excludes out-of-state affiliates and unregulated operation expenses.

3. ACCOUNTING PROCEDURE:

The following entries will be recorded annually to the PCBA2:

- a. Annual pension expense as determined by Cal Water's actuarial expert, which will be the amount of pension expense that will be recorded by Cal Water for financial reporting purposes.
- b. The annual amount of pension expense authorized to be collected in rates.
- c. The difference between 3.a and 3.b.
- d. The sum of entries in item 3.c., all prior year entries in 3.c., and all accumulated interest calculated in 3.e., below.
- e. Monthly interest expense calculated on the accumulated balance in 3.d. calculated at 1/12 of the most recent month's interest rate on Commercial Paper, published in the Federal Reserve Statistical Release H.15 or its successor. Note that interest only accrues on expenses after the the annual calculation has been completed.

4. RATEMAKING PROCEDURE:

The PCBA2 is recoverable in a Tier 2 advice letter filing if the accumulated balance exceeds 2% of gross adopted revenues for Cal Water in accordance with General Order 96-B and standard practices or by request in the next general rate case. In any filing, Cal Water shall demonstrate its continued compliance with SFAS 87 and demonstrate that any changes to its expenses were reasonable and prudently incurred.

In any filing, Cal Water will identify any changes in pension accounting that were required by federal or state law or directed by the Financial Accounting Standards Board. Changes in assumptions reflecting current market, interest rate, or demographic conditions should not be considered "changes in accounting" as these are standard practices used to develop SFAS 87 requirements.

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