

RULE NO. 3
Application For Service

A. Application for Service

1. Content

Each applicant for service may be required to sign, on a form provided by the utility, an application which will set forth:

- a. Date and place of application.
- b. Location of premises to be served.
- c. Date applicant will be ready for service.
- d. Whether the premises have been heretofore supplied with water by the utility.
- e. Purpose for which service is to be used.
- f. Address to which bills are to be mailed or delivered.
- g. Whether applicant is owner or tenant of, or agent for the premises.
- h. Rate schedule desired where optional rates are in effect.
- i. Such other information as the utility may reasonably require.

2. Purpose

The application is merely a written request for service and does not bind the applicant to take service for a period of time longer than that upon which the flat rate charge, minimum charge, or readiness to service charge of the applicable rate schedule is based; neither does it bind the utility to serve, except under reasonable conditions.

B. Individual Liability for Joint Service

Two or more parties who join in one application for service shall be jointly and severally liable for payment of bills and shall be billed by means of single periodic bills.

C. Change in Customer's Equipment or Operations

A customer making any material change in the size, character or extent of the equipment or operations for which the utility's service is utilized shall immediately give the utility written notice of the extent and nature of the change.

D. Service to a Tenant

No tenant applying for residential water service shall be required to pay any charges or penalties on account of non-payment of charges by a previous tenant. The Company may, however, require that service to such applicant and subsequent tenants be furnished on the account of the landlord or property owner.

E. Service to Affordable Housing

Applications for service to a proposed development that includes housing units affordable to lower income households shall not be denied, conditioned, or reduced unless the utility finds in writing that said action is necessary due to the existence of one or more of the following:

(1) The utility does not have "sufficient water supply," as defined in paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 66473.7, or is operating under a water shortage emergency as defined in Section 350 of the Water Code, or does not have sufficient water treatment or distribution capacity, to serve the needs of the proposed development, as demonstrated by a written engineering analysis and report.

(2) The utility is subject to a compliance order issued by the State Department of Health Services that prohibits new water connections.

(3) The utility does not have sufficient treatment or collection capacity, as demonstrated by a written engineering analysis and report on the condition of the treatment or collection works, to serve the needs of the proposed development.

(4) The utility is under an order issued by a regional water quality control board that prohibits new sewer connections.

(5) The applicant for service has failed to agree to reasonable terms and conditions relating to the provision of service generally applicable to development projects, including, but not limited to, the requirements of local, state, or federal laws and regulations.

Unless otherwise stated, definitions of the language herein are governed by Section 65589.7(d) of the Government Code.