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NCLC promotes affordable water rates for low-income households in the United States.

Issue Briefs, Press Releases, and Reports

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 Commission on Civil Rights re: the need for access to safe and affordable water service during
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- NCLC Reply Comments on the Proposed Decision in the California Public Utility Commission re: water affordability, June 23, 2014
- Comments (Aug 23, 2013) and Reply Comments (Sept. 13, 2013) of National Consumer Law Center and The Utility Reform Network (TURN) to the California Public Utility Commission re: Draft Staff Report on Balanced Rate Rulemaking re: affordable water rates.
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Additional Resources

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