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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Western Water Holdings, LLC
PWC Merger Sub, Inc., Park Water Company (U
314 W), and Apple Valley Ranchos Water
Company (U-346-W) for Authority for Western
Water Holdings, LLC to Acquire and Control Park
Water Company and Apple Valley Ranchos Water
Company.

APPLICATION 11-01-019

(Filed January 21, 2011)

**PROTEST OF APPLE VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT TO WESTERN
WATER HOLDINGS, LLC, PWC MERGER SUB, INC., PARK WATER COMPANY
AND APPLEVALLEY RANCHOS WATER COMPANY'S APPLICATION**

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February 24, 2011

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I. Introduction

Pursuant to Rules 1.4 and 2.6 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the California Public Utilities Commission, the Apple Valley Unified School District ("AVUSD") hereby files this protest to Western Water Holdings, LLC, PWC Merger Sub, Inc., Park Water Company and Apple Valley Ranchos Water Company's Joint Application ("Joint Applications") 11-01-019 filed on January 21, 2011, notice of which was published in the Commission's Daily Calendar on January 26, 2011.

AVUSD serves over 13,500 students ranging from preschool through adult. The district encompasses 200 square miles, and has 14 campuses, 11 which are served by Apple Valley Ranchos Water Company. AVUSD has 71 acres of grass area and 1148 fixtures serviced by Apple Valley Ranchos Water Company, with an annual water bill over \$670,000.

II. Protest

AVUSD protests the merger on the grounds that the details of the sale or merger of the Apple Valley Ranchos Water Company have not been fully disclosed. It is our belief that there are likely to be details that have not been disclosed that could affect the future rates, and service provided to AVUSD. Any future rate increase, or decline in service, would be detrimental to the students of AVUSD and the community who use our facilities.

III. Conclusion

AVUSD requests public participation hearings and evidentiary hearings. We specifically request that public participation hearings be held with the Town of Apple Valley. We request that the evidentiary hearing be held in the CPUC offices in Los Angeles.

For the reasons stated above, we strongly urge the California Public Utilities Commission to deny the current application.

DATED: February 24, 2011

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ THOMAS E. HOEGERMAN

By:

Thomas E. Hoegerman, Superintendent
Apple Valley Unified School District

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day *served* a copy of “**PROTEST OF APPLE VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT TO WESTERN WATER HOLDINGS, LLC, PWC MERGER SUB, INC., PARK WATER COMPANY AND APPLE VALLEY RANCHOS WATER COMPANY’S APPLICATION**” on all parties of record in proceeding A.11-01-019 by serving an electronic copy on their email addresses of record and by mailing a properly addressed copy by first-class mail with postage prepaid to each party for whom an email address is not available.

Executed on March 7, 2011 at Apple Valley, California.

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