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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

In the Matter of the Application of California Water Service Company (U60W), a California corporation, for an order 1) authorizing it to increase rates for water service by \$92,765,000 or 19.4% in test year 2014, 2) authorizing it to increase rates on January 1, 2015 by \$17,240,000 or 3.0%, and on January 1, 2016 by \$16,950,000 or 2.9% in accordance with the Rate Case Plan, and 3) adopting other related rulings and relief necessary to implement the Commission's ratemaking policies.

Application 12-07-007  
(Filed July 5, 2012)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING SETTING A  
PREHEARING CONFERENCE AND ORDERING THE APPLICANT,  
CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE COMPANY, TO MEET AND CONFER WITH  
ANY PROTESTORS AND OR RESPONDING PARTIES IN ORDER TO FILE A  
JOINT PREHEARING CONFERENCE STATEMENT**

**1. The Prehearing Conference (PHC)**

This ruling schedules a PHC for October 29, 2012 at 2:00 p.m., at the Commission Courtroom, 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, California. This ruling further instructs the applicant, California Water Service Company, to meet and confer with any protestors and or responding parties to this Application in order to file a joint PHC statement by October 22, 2012. A PHC is called to: (1) determine the parties; (2) accept appearances and establish the permanent service list; (3) determine the positions of the parties; (4) identify issues for

inclusion in the scoping memo for this proceeding; (5) discuss the schedule for this proceeding; (6) determine if there are any challenges to either the categorization of this proceeding or to the preliminary determination that there is a need for hearings; and (7) discuss any additional procedural matters relevant to this proceeding.

## **2. The PHC Statement**

In preparation for the PHC, the parties shall meet and confer either in person, e-mail, or telephonically to discuss the following subjects:

1. Identify the issues and determine what are the parties' respective positions as to each issue that the Commission needs to decide in this case;
2. What material facts are undisputed;
3. What material facts are disputed;
4. The status of settlement discussions, if any;
5. Whether mediation conducted by a neutral Administrative Law Judge (ALJ), other than the assigned ALJ, would be helpful in resolving the disputed issues;
6. Whether any discovery is needed and the anticipated date that discovery will be completed;
7. Whether hearings are needed;
8. If the parties believe that a hearing is needed, the estimated number of days required, and the number of witnesses that each side plans to present at the hearing; and
9. A proposed schedule for this case, including dates for completing discovery, filing prepared written testimony, and for hearing.

The prepared joint PHC statement shall include the parties' determinations of the issues for resolution, a list of the undisputed material facts, and a list of the disputed material facts.

### **3. Filing, Service, and Service List**

The parties shall file their joint PHC statement that addresses the above subjects with the Commission's Docket Office, and a copy to me, by no later than October 22, 2012. Parties shall submit their copy to me by e-mail addressed to [rim@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:rim@cpuc.ca.gov). A second copy shall be submitted to me by personal delivery or mail.

Parties are encouraged to file and serve electronically, whenever possible. This proceeding will follow the electronic service protocols adopted by the Commission in Rule 1.10<sup>1</sup> for all documents, whether formally filed or just served. This rule allows electronic service of documents, in a searchable format, unless the party or state service list member did not provide an e-mail address. If no e-mail address was provided, service should be made by U.S. mail. Concurrent e-mail service to ALL persons on the service list for whom an e-mail address is available, including those listed under "Information Only," is required. Parties are expected to provide paper copies of served documents upon request. More information regarding electronic filing is available at <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/puc/efiling>.

Parties are responsible for ensuring that the correct information is contained on the service list, and notifying the Commission's Process Office and other parties of corrections or ministerial changes (Rule 1.9(f)).

If either party has questions regarding Commission procedures, please contact the Commission's Public Advisors Office by phone at (866) 849-8390 or (415) 703-2074 or by e-mail at [public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov). The Commission's

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<sup>1</sup> All references to Rules are to the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

Rules of Practice and Procedure are also available for review on our website at [www.cpuc.ca.gov](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov).

**IT IS RULED** that:

1. The Commission has set a prehearing conference (PHC) in the above-captioned matter for October 29, 2012, at 2:00 p.m., at the Commission Courtroom, State Office Building, 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, California.
2. The Parties shall file and serve their joint PHC statement, as described above, no later than October 22, 2012. Please also serve the undersigned with the joint PHC statement by same day e-mail service at [rim@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:rim@cpuc.ca.gov). In the event there are no protests and no responses to this Application, California Water Service Company shall file its own PHC statement.
3. To the extent discovery is required, parties shall not wait for the PHC to commence it.

Dated July 27, 2012, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ ROBERT M. MASON III

Robert M. Mason III  
Administrative Law Judge