

Decision \_\_\_\_\_

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

In the Matter of the Application of Apple Valley Ranchos Water Company (U346W) for Authority to Increase Rates Charged for Water Service by \$3,896,586 or 20.0% in 2012, \$547,241 or 2.35% in 2013, and \$786,254 or 3.32% in 2014.

Application 11-01-001  
(Filed January 3, 2011)

**ORDER EXTENDING STATUTORY DEADLINE****Summary**

Public Utilities Code Section 1701.5 provides that ratesetting matters such as this application shall be resolved within 18 months of issuance of the scoping memo for the proceeding, unless the Commission makes findings why that statutory deadline cannot be met and issues an order extending the 18-month deadline.

In this proceeding, the scoping memo was issued on March 21, 2011, therefore the 18-month deadline for resolving the proceeding is September 19, 2012. A proposed decision (PD) was issued for public review and comments on July 20, 2011, and the PD was placed on the August 23, 2012 Agenda as Item 13. The Commission held the agenda item for further consideration. Therefore, a 60-day extension of the statutory deadline until November 18, 2012, is necessary.

**Waiver of Comments**

Under Rule 14.6(c)(4) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the Commission may reduce or waive the period for public review

and comment of decisions extending the deadline for resolving ratesetting proceedings. We waive the period for public review and comment pursuant to this rule.

**Assignment of Proceeding**

Michael R. Peevey is the assigned Commissioner and Douglas Long is the assigned Administrative Law Judge in this proceeding.

**Findings of Fact**

An extension of time until November 18, 2012 is necessary in order to allow the Commission to further deliberate and decide on this matter.

**Conclusions of Law**

1. Pursuant to the authority granted the Commission under Public Utilities Code Section 1701.5(a), the statutory deadline for this proceeding should be extended to November 18, 2012.
2. Pursuant to Rule 14.6(c)(4), the comment period for the proposed decision should be waived.

**IT IS ORDERED** that the extension of the statutory deadline for this proceeding is extended to November 18, 2012.

This order is effective today.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_, at San Francisco, California.