

Decision \_\_\_\_\_

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

In the Matter of the Application of San Gabriel Valley Water Company (U337W) for Authority to Increase Rates Charged for Water Service in its Fontana Water Company Division by \$8,164,800 or 14.2% in July 2012, \$3,067,400 or 4.7% in July 2013, and \$3,758,200 or 5.6% in July 2014.

Application 11-07-005  
(Filed July 11, 2011)

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

This decision extends the statutory deadline in this proceeding to October 1, 2013.

**Background**

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 for a period not exceeding 60 days.

In this proceeding, the scoping memo was issued on October 4, 2011, therefore the 18-month deadline for resolving the proceeding was April 4, 2013. Decision (D.) 13-03-021 extended the statutory deadline to June 3, 2013 and D.13-05-025 further extended the statutory deadline to August 2, 2013. A series of evidentiary hearings were held and submitted upon the receipt of reply briefs.

Parties have been active in this proceeding, several motions have been filed including a Motion from the Division of Ratepayer Advocates and San Gabriel Valley Water Company for Approval of Settlement Agreement. On May 29, 2012, the assigned Administrative Law Judge issued a Ruling granting interim rates. The settlement, which was opposed by some parties, raised complex issues which require further review in addition to the other contested issues not included in the settlement. Our review of this proceeding is still incomplete. Therefore, a 60-day extension of the statutory deadline until October 1, 2013, is necessary.

### **Waiver of Comment Period**

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**

Mark J. Ferron is the assigned Commissioner and Douglas Long is the assigned Administrative Law Judge in this proceeding.

### **Finding of Fact**

An extension of time until October 1, 2013 is necessary in order to allow for further review of a proposed settlement and related issues.

### **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 October 1, 2013.

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 October 1, 2013.

This order is effective today.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_, at Carmel-by-the-Sea, California.