

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA



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In the matter of the Application of the GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY (U133W) for an order authorizing it to increase rates for water service by \$2,911,400 or 29.9% in 2011 and by \$321,200 or 2.5% in 2012 in its Arden Cordova Service Area; to increase rates for water service by \$1,782,400 or 33.2% in 2011 and by -\$66,200 or -0.9% in 2012 in its Bay Point Service Area; to increase rates for water service by \$409,100 or 22.6% in 2011 and by \$23,300 or 1.0% in 2012 in its Clearlake Service Area; to increase rates for water service by \$1,467,000 or 48.5% in 2011 and by \$50,100 or 1.1% in 2012 in its Los Osos Service Area; to increase rates for water service by \$1,647,900 or 38.8% in 2011 and by \$343,200 or 5.9% in 2012 in its Ojai Service Area; to increase rates for water service by \$2,350,700 or 25.2% in 2011 and by \$363,200 or 3.1% in 2012 in its Santa Maria Service Area and; to increase rates for water service by \$799,500 or 6.5% in 2011 and by \$213,000 or 1.6% in 2012 in its Simi Valley Service Area.

Application 10-01-009
(Filed January 13, 2010)

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OF THE DIVISION OF WATER AND AUDITS**

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Pursuant to Rule 1.4(a)(4) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the Division of Water and Audits ("DWA") respectfully submits this Motion for Party Status in Application (A.)10-01-009, in which Golden State Water Company ("GSWC") seeks Commission authorization to increase its water rates in areas collectively known as Region 1.

As a division of the Commission, DWA's mission is, among other things, to protect the interests of customers of water utilities regulated by this Commission. DWA is interested in ensuring that the rates charged by GSWC are just and reasonable, consistent with Public Utilities Code Section 451, and in the public interest.

Since early 2007, DWA and Legal Division have conducted a pre-formal investigation into whether GSWC violated its procurement policies, primarily in Region 1. After years of extensive discovery and a limited procurement examination conducted by DWA, GSWC and DWA have agreed to settle this pre-formal investigation. The settlement involves refunds and other remuneration impacting GSWC's rates primarily in GSWC's Region I. DWA requests party status so that it may join with GSWC in presenting the settlement to the Commission for its consideration in A.10-01-009.

By becoming a party to this proceeding, DWA and GSWC will have the opportunity to notice a settlement conference pursuant to Rule 12.1(b), thereby providing all parties participating in A.10-01-009 an opportunity to comment on the pre-formal settlement. Moreover, by becoming a party, DWA ensures that the Commission considers this pre-formal settlement between DWA and GSWC in a formal proceeding (A.10-01-009).

In order to permit DWA and GSWC to complete their settlement efforts and present their settlement to the Commission as quickly as possible, DWA requests that the Commission expeditiously grant it formal party status in A.10-01-009.

Respectfully submitted,

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