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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Golden State Water Company (U133W) for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Construct and Operate a Water System in Sutter County, California; and to Establish Rates for Public Utility Water Service in Sutter County, California.

Application 08-08-022
(Filed August 29, 2008)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING SETTING
FINAL ORAL ARGUMENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION**

On November 16, 2011, Joint Parties Request for Final Oral Argument was filed by the applicant in the above-captioned proceeding Golden State Water Company (Applicant), County of Sutter and Sutter County Water Agency (collectively the County), Sutter Pointe Landowners/Developers (Sutter Pointe Developers), and the Robbins Ad-Hoc Committee ("Robbins") (collectively the Joint Parties) to present the merits of the Joint Parties' Settlement Agreement in the above-captioned proceeding. On the same day, Division of Ratepayer Advocates (DRA) also filed its request for a final oral argument to present its opposition to the Commission's approval of the Joint Parties' Settlement Agreement.

This ruling grants those requests pursuant to Pub. Util. Code § 1701.3(d) and Rule 8(d) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

A. Date and Location

Final Oral Argument before the Commission is set and shall be held:

Tuesday, January 17, 2012
10:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.
Commission Auditorium
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, California

B. Final Oral Argument

The parties who participated in the evidentiary hearings and timely filed the request for final oral argument will be afforded the opportunity to participate in the final oral argument. These parties are the Joint Parties, including the Applicant, and DRA.

Final oral argument shall be conducted as follows. Because Applicant has the burden of proof, the Applicant will open and close the final oral argument. Parties should understand that the time allocations listed below include the time necessary for any questions that the Commissioners may ask during the parties' presentations. Thus, parties are advised to leave adequate time during the allotted time for potential questions by the Commissioners. The schedule is as follows:

Event	Time
Call to Order, Introductions and Appearances	10 minutes
Opening Argument by Applicant	25 minutes
Opening Argument by Joint Parties Other Than Applicants (County, Sutter Pointe Developers, and Robbins must allocate the time amongst themselves)	25 minutes
Opening Argument by DRA	25 minutes
Closing Argument by Applicant (Applicant may waive its closing argument or defer its time to another party)	10 minutes

C. Handouts and Briefing Boards

Parties may distribute handouts or use briefing boards¹ at the final oral argument consistent with the following:

- Parties shall distribute copies of all handouts or briefing boards they plan to use to the other parties by or before 5:00 p.m. on January 13, 2012, two business before the final oral argument;
- Parties shall be prepared to provide copies of handouts sufficient for the Commission and all others attending the final oral argument;
- Parties planning to use a briefing board shall also provide copies of the briefing board in reduced format sufficient for the Commission and all others attending the final oral argument;
- Parties planning to use handouts or briefing boards must include in them specific citations to record evidence clearly supporting any factual assertions;
- All pages and points should be numbered for ease of reference and to facilitate an understanding of the resulting transcript; and
- Handouts and briefing boards will not be received as exhibits.

IT IS RULED that:

1. The Commission shall hold final oral argument on Tuesday, January 17, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.
2. The schedule for the final oral argument is as follows and the parties shall adhere to the timeframes set forth below:

¹ The time limitations prevent the convenient use of overhead projectors by the parties.

