

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of Southern California Water Company (U 133 W) for an order authorizing it to increase rates for water service by \$18,972,300 or 24.17% in 2006; by \$1,534,500 or 1.57% in 2007; and by \$1,493,900 or 1.50% in 2008 in its Region III Service Area.

Application 05-02-004
(Filed February 1, 2005)

TO: ALL PARTIES OF RECORD IN THE ABOVE-CAPTIONED PROCEEDING

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

The proposed decision of ALJ Bushey, previously designated as principal hearing officer, has been made available at http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/PUBLISHED/COMMENT_DECISION/51168.htm on November 15, 2005. The proposed decision authorizes Southern California Water Company to increase rates in its Region III Service Area.

Any recipient of this Notice of Availability who is not receiving service by electronic mail in this proceeding or who is unable to access the link to the Commission's web site given above may request a paper copy of the proposed decision from the Commission's Central Files Office, at (415) 703-2045; fax number (415) 703-2263; e-mail cen@cpuc.ca.gov.

The proposed decision will not appear on the Commission's agenda for at least 30 days after the date it is mailed. The Commission may act then, or it may postpone action until later. This matter was categorized as ratesetting and is subject to Pub. Util. Code § 1701.3(c). Pursuant to Resolution ALJ-180, a Ratesetting Deliberative Meeting (RDM) to consider this matter may be held upon the request of any Commissioner. If that occurs, the Commission will prepare and mail an agenda for the RDM 10 days before hand. When an RDM is held, there is a related ex parte communications prohibition period.

When the Commission acts on the proposed decision, it may adopt all or part of it as written, amend or modify it, or set it aside and prepare its own decision. Only when the Commission acts does the decision become binding on the parties.

Parties to the proceeding may file comments on the proposed decision as provided in Article 19 of the Commission's "Rules of Practice and Procedure," accessible on the Commission's website at

[http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/PUBLISHED/RULES PRAC PROC/44887.htm](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/PUBLISHED/RULES_PRAC_PROC/44887.htm)).

Pursuant to Rule 77.3 opening comments shall not exceed 15 pages.

Comments must be filed with the Commission's Docket Office. Comments should be served on parties to this proceeding in accordance with Rules 2.3 and 2.3.1. Electronic copies of comments should be sent to ALJ Bushey at mab@cpuc.ca.gov. All parties must serve hard copies on the ALJ and the assigned Commissioner, and for that purpose I suggest hand delivery, overnight mail or other expeditious methods of service. The current service list for this proceeding is available on the Commission's web site, www.cpuc.ca.gov.

Dated November 14, 2005, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ ANGELA K. MINKIN

Angela K. Minkin, Chief
Administrative Law Judge