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Decision 09-03-040 March 26, 2009

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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 $20,327,339 or 20.12% in 2010; by $2,646,748 or 2.18% in 2011; and by $4,189,596 or 3.37% in 2012 in its Region II Service Area and to increase rates for water service by $30,035,914 or 32.67% in 2010; by $1,714,524 or 1.39% in 2011; and by $3,664,223 or 2.92% in 2012 and its Region III Service Area.	Application 08-07-010 (Filed July 1, 2008)
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 $2,812,100 or 32.61% in 2008; by -$178,700 or -1.51% in 2009; and by $109, 900 or 0.92% in 2010 in its Arden Cordova Customer Service Area.	Application 07-01-009 (Filed January 5, 2007)
In the matter of the Application of the **GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY (U133W)** for authorization to increase rates for water service in its Bay Point Customer Service Area by $492,400 or 8.57% in 2008; by $122,500 or 1.94% in 2009; and by $160,000 or 2.47% in 2010.	Application 07-01-010 (Filed January 5, 2007)
In the matter of the Application of the **GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY (U133W)** for authorization to increase rates for water service in its ClearLake Customer Service Area by $214,200 or 12.99% in 2008; by $20,500 or 1.10% in 2009; and by $32,800 or 1.72% in 2010.	Application 07-01-011 (Filed January 5, 2007)

In the matter of the Application of the **GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY (U133W)** for authorization to increase rates for water service in its Los Osos Customer Service Area by $1,107,200 or 52.69% in 2008; by $69,900 or 2.17% in 2009; and by $145,400 or 4.43% in 2010.	Application 07-01-012 (Filed January 5, 2007)
In the matter of the Application of the **GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY (U133W)** for authorization to increase rates for water service in its Ojai Customer Service Area by $1,432,900 or 43.95% in 2008; to decrease rates by –($89,500) or -(1.89%) in 2009; and to increase rates by $33,000 or 0.71% in 2010.	Application 07-01-013 (Filed January 5, 2007)
In the matter of the Application of the **GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY (U133W)** for authorization to increase rates for water service in its Santa Maria Customer Service Area by $2,937,400 or 36.15% in 2008; by $455,100 or 4.09% in 2009; and to increase rates by $310,900 or 2.67% in 2010.	Application 07-01-014 (Filed January 5, 2007)
In the matter of the Application of the **GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY (U133W)** for authorization to increase rates for water service in its Simi Valley Customer Service Area by $1,605,100 or 16.96% in 2008; by $113,300 or 1.02% in 2009; and by $222,000 or 1.97% in 2010.	Application 07-01-015 (Filed January 5, 2007)

PROPOSED DECISION CLOSING APPLICATION (A.) 07-01-009, A.07-01-010, A.07-01-011, A.07-01-012, A.07-01-013, AND A.07-01-015.

Summary

The proposed decision closes A.07-01-009, A.07-01-010, A.07-01-011, A.07-01-012, A.07-01-013, and A.07-01-015. Including these applications is administratively burdensome and unnecessary to resolve the La Serena plant improvement project costs rehearing issue in A.07-01-014.

Discussion

The Commission issued Decision (D.) 08-08-031 on August 25, 2008, granting a limited rehearing of D.08-01-043 in the consolidated general rate case for Golden State Water Company's Arden Cordova, Bay Point, Clearlake, Los Osos, Ojai, Santa Maria, and Simi Valley customer service areas. The rehearing is confined to the issue of the La Serena plant improvement project costs in A.07-01-014, Golden State Water Company's Santa Maria customer service area. Although the rehearing was limited to an issue in the Santa Maria customer service area, the other six applications resolved in D.08-01-043 remained open.

The limited rehearing of A.07-01-014 has been consolidated with A.08-07-010, the general rate case for Golden State Water Company's Region II and III service areas. Including the other six consolidated applications is administratively cumbersome and unnecessary to resolve the rehearing issue.

On March 6, 2009, the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) contacted the parties by email seeking their agreement to waive the 30-day comment period for this decision. The parties all agreed to the waiver.

Waiver of Comments

Pursuant to Rule 14.6(b) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, all parties stipulated to waive the 30-day public review and comment period required by Section 311 of the Public Utilities Code and the opportunity

to file comments on the proposed decision. Accordingly, this matter was placed on the Commission's agenda directly for prompt action.

Assignment of Proceeding

John A. Bohn is the assigned Commissioner and Linda Rochester is the assigned ALJ in this proceeding.

Findings of Fact

1. D.08-08-031 granted a limited rehearing of the La Serena plant improvement project contained in A.07-01-014.
2. Including A.07-01-009, A.07-01-010, A.07-01-011, A.07-01-012, A.07-01-013, and A.07-01-015 in A.08-07-010 is administratively burdensome and unnecessary to resolve the rehearing issue in A.07-01-014.
3. The parties have agreed to waive the 30-day comment period.

Conclusions of Law

1. A.07-01-014 should remain open for the limited purpose of rehearing the La Serena plant improvement project costs.
2. A.07-01-009, A.07-01-010, A.07-01-011, A.07-01-012, A.07-01-013, and A.07-01-015 should be closed.
3. The 30-day comment period should be waived.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Application (A.) 07-01-014 remains open for the limited purpose of rehearing the La Serena plant improvement project costs, and is consolidated with A.08-07-010.

2. A.07-01-009, A.07-01-010, A.07-01-011, A.07-01-012, A.07-01-013, and A.07-01-015, are closed.

3. The 30-day comment period is waived.

This order is effective today.

Dated March 26, 2009, at San Francisco, California.

MICHAEL R. PEEVEY
President
DIAN M. GRUENEICH
JOHN A. BOHN
RACHELLE B. CHONG
TIMOTHY ALAN SIMON
Commissioners