

**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 Los Angeles County Division by \$11,010,200 or 29.3% in July 2005, \$1,590,100 or 3.3% in July 2006, and \$1,798,600 or 3.6% in July 2007.

Application 04-09-005  
(Filed September 1, 2004)

**SCOPING MEMO AND RULING OF ASSIGNED COMMISSIONER**

**Summary**

San Gabriel Valley Water Company (San Gabriel) has filed this general rate increase application seeking new rates in its Los Angeles County Division for Test Year 2005/2006 and Escalation Years 2006/2007 and 2007/2008, and approval of general office allocations to its districts for those years. A prehearing conference was held on November 1, 2004. Pursuant to Rules 6(a)(3) and 6.3 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, I am issuing this scoping memo and ruling to confirm the proceeding category and need for hearing, establish the issues and timetable, and designate the principal hearing officer.

**Scope of the Proceeding**

This proceeding will address the following issues:

1. What revenue requirements, rate design, and rates should be ordered for San Gabriel's Los Angeles County Division for Test Year 2005/2006 and Escalation Years 2006/2007 and 2007/2008?

2. What figures should the Commission adopt for the standard components underlying its adopted revenue requirement and rate design, including but not limited to: general office expenses, investments and allocations to districts; itemized results of operations at present and adopted rates; financial structure, cost of debt and equity, and return on rate base; growth and sales forecasts; depreciation rates and reserves; quantities necessary for later offset calculations, etc.?
3. Should the Commission grant the additional relief San Gabriel seeks relating to various memorandum and balancing accounts (i.e., establishing, making entries, and/or amortizing recorded amounts in rates)?
4. Should the Commission authorize any other relief, impose any requirements or conditions, or make any other findings in connection with its order in this general rate case?

### **Timetable**

This proceeding will be processed according to the Commission's Rate Case Plan for Class A Water Utilities (Decision 04-06-018). The proceeding schedule is as follows:

December 13, 2004	Commission staff and other parties serve direct testimony and exhibits.
January 4, 2005	San Gabriel serves rebuttal testimony.
January 19-25, 2005	Evidentiary hearings in Los Angeles and San Francisco. Times and locations to be provided later.
January 20, 2005	Public participation hearing in Los Angeles. Time and location to be provided later.
February 11, 2005	Opening briefs.
February 18, 2005	Reply briefs; proceeding submitted.

May 12, 2005	Proposed Decision filed. Comments on Proposed Decision (20 days after Proposed Decision filed). Reply Comments on Proposed Decision (five days following Comments).
June, 2005	Commission meeting to consider Proposed Decision.

### **Category and Need for Hearing**

This ruling confirms that this is a ratesetting proceeding and that a hearing is required, as preliminarily determined in Resolution ALJ 176-3139.

### **Principal Hearing Officer**

Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) James McVicar is designated as the principal hearing officer (Rule 5(l)), and thus will be the presiding officer under Rule 5(k)(2).

### **Final Oral Argument Before the Commission**

Any party wishing to exercise the right under Rule 8(d) to make a final oral argument before the Commission must file a written request and serve it on all parties and the assigned Commissioner and assigned ALJ not later than the last day of evidentiary hearing.

#### **IT IS RULED that:**

1. The issues to be considered are those described in this ruling.
2. The timetable for the proceeding is as set forth herein.
3. This is a ratesetting proceeding.
4. A hearing is needed.

5. Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) James McVicar is designated as the principal hearing officer.

6. Any party wishing to make a final oral argument before the Commission must file a written request and serve it on all parties and the assigned Commissioner and assigned ALJ not later than the last day of evidentiary hearing.

Dated November 5, 2004, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ MICHAEL R. PEEVEY

Michael R. Peevey  
Assigned Commissioner

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that I have by mail, and by electronic mail to the parties to which an electronic mail address has been provided, this day served a true copy of the original attached Scoping Memo and Ruling of Assigned Commissioner on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated November 5, 2004, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ JANET V. ALVIAR

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