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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Order Instituting Investigation on the Commission's Own Motion into the Planned Merger Between SJW Group, Holding Company of San Jose Water Company (U168W), and Connecticut Water Service, Inc. and its Effect on California Ratepayers and the California Economy.

Investigation 18-07-007

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING  
NOTICING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION HEARING**

This ruling sets the schedule for a public participation hearings (PPH) to provide an opportunity for customers of San Jose Water Company (SJWC) to communicate directly with the Commission, SJWC, and others regarding the proposed merger of San Jose Water Company with Connecticut Water Service, Inc.

PPHs are official Commission hearings at which members of the public can make comments on the proposed merger. An administrative law judge presides over the hearing and the comments are recorded by a court reporter. The transcript from the PPH is part of the record of the proceeding.

**1. Availability of Documents for Public Inspection**

The Commission resolution initiating this investigation is available on the Commission's web site at the following link:

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=ALL&DocID=218038803>

Questions regarding this notice or the PPH ordered by this order should be addressed to:

**Allison Brown, Public Advisor, [public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov).**

## **2. Public Participation Hearing Format**

The PPH will start with a presentation from the administrative law judge regarding (a) participation in Commission proceedings and (b) the Investigation. Parties will not be permitted to make formal presentations as part of the PPH.

## **3. Schedule and Public Notice Requirements**

The schedule below indicates the venue at which the PPH will be held.

<b>Date and Time</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Meeting Location</b>
January 31, 2019 Public Participation Hearing: 6:00 p.m.	San Jose	<b>San Jose City Hall</b> <b>Rooms 118, 119, 120</b> 200 East Santa Clara Street San Jose, CA 95113

SJWC shall provide public notice of the PPH in accordance with the ordering paragraphs below.

**IT IS RULED** that:

1. A Public Participation Hearing for Investigation 18-07-007 will be held, and is scheduled, as set forth above.

2. San Jose Water Company (SJWC) shall prepare and provide to the Public Advisor's Office a draft of a bill insert notice informing its customers about the Public Participation Hearing, the purpose of the Public Participation Hearing, a summary of the proposed merger for which SJWC is requesting approval in the proceeding, and the date, time, and location of the Public Participation Hearing. The Public Advisor's office may alter or require changes to the bill insert notice.

3. After the Public Advisor's Office approves the language in the bill insert notice, San Jose Water Company shall, to the extent feasible, include the notice in the monthly bills of all its customers. To the extent that any customers are billed electronically via the Internet, notice to those customers may be given electronically.

4. For the Public Participation Hearing, San Jose Water Company (SJWC) shall also cause the approved notice to be published in one or more newspapers of general circulation in Utility's general service area where the Public Participation Hearing will be held for at least five days before the scheduled Public Participation Hearing. SJWC shall also prominently post a notice of the Public Participation Hearing in all its offices in which SJWC's customers come into contact with its customer service representatives.

5. San Jose Water Company shall provide the Public Advisor's Office, not later than five days prior to the Public Participation Hearing, a letter verifying that it has complied with the customer notice requirement. The compliance letter shall state the date(s) notices were sent to customers and the approximate number of customers so notified. One copy of the actual notice shall be attached. The compliance letter shall also provide the dates and locations of publication and posting.

6. San Jose Water Company shall have one or more employees knowledgeable about the proposed merger available during the Public Participation Hearing to answer questions from the public.

Dated January 14, 2019 at San Francisco, California.

/s/ KARL J. BEMESDERFER

Karl J. Bemesderfer  
Administrative Law Judge