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

Application of CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE COMPANY (U-60-W), a California corporation, for authorization to: (1) issue New Debt Securities and New Equity Securities in an aggregate principal amount up to \$1.3 billion, in addition to previously authorized amounts; (2) include certain features in the Debt or Equity Securities or to enter into certain derivative transactions related to underlying debt in order to improve the terms and conditions of the new securities and with the goal of lowering the cost of money for the benefit of customers; and (3) take all other appropriate actions.

Application 23-10-006  
(Filed October 6, 2023)

**ASSIGNED COMMISSIONER'S SCOPING MEMO AND RULING**

This scoping memo and ruling sets forth the category, scope, and schedule of the proceeding pursuant to Rule 7.3 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (Rules).

**1. Procedural Background**

On October 6, 2023, California Water Service Company (CA Water Service, or Applicant) filed Application (A.) 23-10-006 for authorization to (1) issue New Debt Securities and New Equity Securities in an aggregate principal amount up to \$1.3 billion, in addition to previously-authorized amounts; (2) include certain features in the Debt or Equity Securities or to enter into certain derivative

transactions related to underlying debt in order to improve the terms and conditions of the new securities and with the goal of lowering the cost of money for the benefit of customers; and (3) take all other appropriate actions.

There were no protests or responses to the application.

The Commission held a telephonic prehearing conference on January 26, 2024; no persons appeared other than the Applicant.

Upon consideration of the application and discussion at the prehearing conference, the issues and schedule of the proceeding are determined to be as set forth in this scoping memo.

## **2. Issues**

The issues to be determined are:

1. Whether the request complies with all applicable Commission Rules, Public Utilities (Pub. Util.) Codes, General Orders, and Decisions;
2. Whether the application includes all information necessary for the Commission to render a decision; and
3. Whether the application is reasonable and in the public interest.

## **3. Need for Evidentiary Hearing**

There are no contested issues of material fact requiring evidentiary hearing.

## **4. Schedule**

This matter will be submitted upon the Administrative Law Judge's (ALJ) review of the record and determination that there is no additional information required. The assigned Commissioner or ALJ may issue a ruling directing the Applicant to file additional information as necessary. Failure to do so may result in dismissal of the application for failure to prosecute.

The proceeding will be resolved within 18 months as required by Pub. Util. Section 1701.5. The proposed decision is expected to be filed no later than 90 days from the submission date for public review and comment pursuant to Pub. Util. Section 311(d) except that, if the proposed decision grants an uncontested requested relief, public review and comment shall be waived pursuant to Rule 14.6(c)(2).

**5. Category of Proceeding and  
Ex Parte Restrictions**

The category of the proceeding is ratesetting, as preliminarily determined by the Commission in Resolution ALJ 176-3535. Ex parte communications are restricted and subject to reporting requirements pursuant to Rule 8.1 et seq.

**6. Assignment of Proceeding**

Darcie L. Houck is the assigned Commissioner and Amin Nojan is the assigned Administrative Law Judge to the proceeding.

**IT IS RULED** that:

1. The scope of this proceeding is described above and is adopted.
2. The schedule of this proceeding is set forth above and is adopted.
3. This proceeding is categorized as ratesetting.
4. Evidentiary hearings are not needed.

Dated April 2, 2024, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ DARCIE L. HOUCK

Darcie L. Houck  
Assigned Commissioner