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

In the Matter of the Application of CALIFORNIA
WATER SERVICE COMPANY (U-60-W) for an
order approving PFAS Compliance Program and
adopting other related rulings and relief necessary to
implement the Commissions ratemaking policies.

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**MOTION FOR PARTY STATUS OF
THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WATER COMPANIES**

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Pursuant to Rules 11.1 and 1.4(a)(4) of the Rules of Practice and Procedure (“Rules”) of the California Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”), the National Association of Water Companies (“NAWC”) hereby moves for party status in this proceeding. NAWC is a national trade association of multiple water and wastewater utilities across the country, including in California.¹ NAWC monitors regulatory proceedings in various states to identify policy and ratemaking issues with broader significance that are important to its members. NAWC became aware of California Water Service Company’s (“Cal Water”) ongoing Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl substance (“PFAS”) Compliance Program application proceeding, and submits this request for party status based on its review of the testimony and the issues in the Assigned Commissioner’s Scoping Memo and Ruling (“Scoping Ruling”).

NAWC’s members have a material interest in the issues in the Scoping Ruling relating to Cal Water’s PFAS Compliance Program. In particular, these interests include the timing for compliance with current state and federal PFAS regulations and the associated costs, the limited availability of grants and other funding mechanisms to offset those expenditures, and the recovery methodologies employed by other state commissions for PFAS remediation efforts.² Water utilities across the country (including every NAWC member company) are scrambling to comply with the PFAS drinking water standards set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency before the compliance deadline. Based on NAWC members’ experiences with addressing PFAS in multiple states and before various state commissions, including timing issues, treatment approaches, resource needs, and supply constraints, NAWC seeks to offer its national perspective on these issues.

NAWC satisfies each element of Rule 1.4(b), and good cause exists to grant this motion. NAWC is uniquely positioned to provide broader perspectives regarding PFAS compliance programs and the associated capital costs. NAWC’s members have an exceptional record of compliance with federal and state health and environmental standards and work tirelessly to maintain this reputation. This includes complying with state and federal PFAS regulations in a timely and cost-effective manner. NAWC members are aware that customers’ trust in tap water can be quickly lost, which is why it is important to address PFAS in a way that supports reasonable rates, retains customers’ trust in the quality of their water, and does not open water

¹ NAWC’s full membership is listed in Appendix A to this motion, in satisfaction of Rule 1.4(b)(1).

² *Scoping Ruling* at 2-3.

utilities to liability for placing their customers' health at risk. NAWC members' experience with threading this needle in other states and how other state commissions have approached issues of timing and cost recovery for PFAS remediation would be a helpful and unique perspective to include in this proceeding. NAWC's input in this respect will be "reasonably pertinent" to the merits of Cal Water's Application.³

Through this Motion, NAWC seeks party status to allow it to participate in the hearings in April 2026 and briefing in May and June 2026. Granting NAWC party status will not delay the proceeding in any way. NAWC would not seek to submit written testimony, as NAWC understands that the deadlines for testimony have elapsed as of the date of this submission. Because NAWC's involvement will not delay or complicate this proceeding, its contributions outweigh any perceived concerns about intervention at this stage of the proceeding.

Based on the foregoing, NAWC requests that it be deemed a party to this proceeding. A proposed ruling granting this Motion is attached herewith as Appendix B.

Respectfully submitted this 10th day of March, 2026.

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³ See Rule 1.4(b)(2).

Appendix A



NAWC Membership List

Aqua America

- Aqua Illinois, Inc.
- Aqua Indiana, Inc.
- Aqua New Jersey, Inc.
- Aqua North Carolina, Inc.
- Aqua Ohio, Inc.
- Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc.
- Aqua Texas, Inc.
- Aqua Virginia, Inc.

Aquarion Water Company

- Aquarion Water Company of Connecticut
- Aquarion Water Company of Massachusetts
- Aquarion Water Company of New Hampshire

Arizona Water

Artesian Water Company

- Artesian Water Maryland
- Artesian Water Pennsylvania
- Artesian Water Company

Baton Rouge Water Company

Beckley Water Company

California Water Service Group

Central States Water Resources



- Bluegrass Water
- Cactus State Water
- Confluence Rivers Water
- CSWR Florida
- CSWR South Carolina
- CSWR Texas
- Eagle Ridge Water
- Flushing Meadows Water
- Great River Water
- Hayden's Place Water
- Limestone Water
- Magnolia Water
- Oak Hill Water
- Red Bird Water
- Sebastian Lake Water
- St. Joseph's Glen Water

Chaparral City Water Company

Columbia Water Company

EPCOR Water Arizona

EPCOR Water New Mexico

Golden State Water Company

Gordon's Corner Water Company

Global Water Resources

- Santa Cruz Water Company, Inc.
- Palo Verde Utilities Company, Inc.
- Belmont Water Company, Inc.
- Hassayampa Utilities Company Inc.
- Turner Ranches Irrigation, Inc.
- Red Rock Water Company, Inc.
- Mirabell Water Company, Inc.
- Francesca Water Company, Inc.
- Tortolita Water Company, Inc.



- Lyn Lee Water Company, Inc.
- Las Quintas Serenas Water Company, Inc.
- Farmers Water Company, Inc.
- Ocotillo Water Company, Inc.

Hazardville Water Company

Jacobs

Jewett City Water

Liberty Utilities

Middlesex Water Company

- Tidewater Utilities, Inc.

Milford Water Company

Newtown Artesian Water Company

Northwest Natural

Parkland Utilities

Peoples Water Service Company

Pluris Holdings, LLC.

Rainbow Water Company

San Gabriel Valley Water Company

H2O America

- Connecticut Water
- Maine Water
- San Jose Water
- Texas Water

Nexus Water Group

- Alabama Water Utilities



- Bermuda Water Company
- Blue Granite Water Company
- Carolina Water Service of North Carolina
- College Utilities Corporation
- Colchester Public Service Corporation
- Community Utilities of Indiana
- Community Utilities of Pennsylvania
- Corix Utilities Texas
- Golden Heart Utilities
- Great Basin Water Company
- Maryland Water Service
- Ni Florida
- Oregon Water Utilities
- Prairie Path Water Company
- South Carolina Water Utilities
- Suburban Water Systems
- Sunshine Water Services
- Tennessee Water Service
- Texas Water Utilities
- Utilities Inc. of Georgia
- Utilities Inc. of Louisiana
- Water Service Corporation of Kentucky

Sussex Shores Water Company

Torrington Water Company

Twin Lakes Water Works Corporation



Veolia North America

- Veolia Bethel
- Veolia Delaware
- Veolia Idaho
- Veolia New Jersey
- Veolia New York
- Veolia Pennsylvania
- Veolia Rhode Island

Whitinsville Water Company

York Water Company

Appendix B

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[PROPOSED] RULING

For good cause shown under Rule 1.3(b), the motion for party status submitted by the National Association of Water Companies (“NAWC”) is hereby GRANTED.

It is **THEREFORE ORDERED** that NAWC is a party to this proceeding.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: _____, 2026

Administrative Law Judge