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Application of California-American Water Company (U210W) for Authorization to Increase its Revenues for Water Service by \$63,090,981 or 17.20% in the year 2027, by \$22,067,361 or 5.13% in the year 2028, and by \$26,014,600 or 5.75% in the year 2029.

Application 25-07-003

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING ALLOWING UPDATES TO APPLICATION

This ruling addresses the following two motions:

- a. Motion filed by the Public Advocates Office at the California Public Utilities Commission (Cal Advocates) on December 2, 2025, to Strike the 100-day Update of California American Water Company (Cal-Am); and
- b. Motion filed by Cal Advocates on December 17, 2025, to Modify its General Rate Case (GRC) Application.

On October 13, 2025, Cal-Am filed an update to its GRC application pursuant to the Rate Case Plan (RCP) adopted in Decision (D.) 07-05-062. According to Cal-Am, the updated information falls under the following four categories: (1) updates related to acquisition integration, (2) updates due to changed circumstances, such as changes by other regulators, (3) updates for corrections of errors, and (4) updates to recorded data.

Cal Advocates' motion opposes the update filing arguing that the 100-day update provided in the RCP is limited to updates concerning more recent recorded data and that new or additional items or forecasted costs are not

allowed. Cal-Am filed a Response on December 17, 2025, stating that the updates provide a more accurate record and do not prejudice parties because they had sufficient time to respond.

Cal-Am also filed a Motion on December 17, 2025, seeking to modify its GRC application with the same update information included in its 100-day update.

We first discuss Cal-Am's Motion to Modify its GRC Application.

On June 8, 2026, Cal-Am and Cal Advocates filed a Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement Agreement (Settlement) which resolves all issues between Cal-Am and Cal Advocates (except for issues concerning construction work-in-progress). The Settlement includes revisions to forecasted costs previously made by Cal-Am. The terms and forecasts contained in the Settlement reflect Cal-Am's current position as opposed to the terms and forecasts contained in either its original or updated application. Because the Settlement uses information in the updated application as a comparative reference for changes proposed, we find it reasonable to approve Cal-Am's Motion to Modify its GRC Application for completeness of the record.

With regards to Cal Advocates' motion, based solely on the specific facts and circumstances inherent in this case, we find the request moot since the information sought to be stricken is being admitted by reason of the ruling regarding Cal-Am's motion as discussed above. We therefore find it reasonable to deny Cal Advocates' motion.

It is so Ruled.

Dated August 5, 2026, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ RAFAEL LIRAG

Rafael Lirag
Administrative Law Judge