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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

ALJ 25-03-016

Application of Union Pacific Railroad Company, d/b/a Keene Water System (U0434W) for Adjustments to Revenue Requirement, Rate Design, and Rates.

Application 25-03-016

And Related Matter.

Application 25-03-017

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING ALLOWING COMMENTS ON THE TENTATIVE PROCEEDING SCHEDULE

This ruling allows the Parties to comment on the assigned Administrative Law Judge's (ALJ) tentative procedural schedule within 14 days of this ruling's issuance.

1. Procedural Background

Application (A.) 25-03-016 was filed on March 28, 2025, by Union Pacific Railroad Company (Union Pacific), d/b/a Keene Water System (KWS) for adjustments to the water utility's revenue requirement, rate design, and rates. Contemporaneously, Union Pacific filed A.25-03-017 requesting authorization to be relieved of its public utility status and water service obligations. Both applications focus on water service in the town of Keene, California, a rural community in Kern County. On April 2, 2025, UPRR d/b/a KWS filed an On August 20, 2026, the assigned Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) issued a Ruling setting a hearing on the ECP for September 18, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. via Webex. The Complainant appeared, via video, at the hearing and was ready to proceed

unopposed motion for consolidation of A.25-03-016 and A.25-03-017 pursuant to Rule 11.1 and Rule 7.4.

On October 17, 2025, during the Pre-hearing Conference, the assigned Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) granted Union Pacific's motion to consolidate the proceedings due to the applications' interrelated issues of law and fact.

2. A.25-03-017

After further review, the Commission has decided to address A.25-03-017 first. In A.25-03-017, UPRR d/b/a KWS seeks authorization to terminate its public utility status and water service obligations. The Commission's resolution of A.25-03-017 will determine whether A.25-03-016 remains at issue because granting UPRR d/b/a KWS's request would render A.25-03-016 moot.

Therefore, the ALJ proposes the tentative proceeding schedule set forth below. If UPRR d/b/a KWS does not prevail in A.25-03-017 (Track 1), the proceeding will continue, and the Commission will address A.25-03-016 in Track 2.

3. Tentative Proceeding Schedule

The tentative proceeding schedule is outlined below. Please provide comments on the tentative proceeding schedule within 14 days of this ruling's issuance.

Conversion to Regular Complaint

It is in the public interest to convert the ECP to a Regular Complaint so that a transcribed record may be produced.

The Commission's regular complaint procedure, pursuant to Rule 4.1, has a court reporter to create a comprehensive written record, permits the consideration of a wide range of possible remedies, and provides for the participation of attorneys. Therefore, pursuant to Rule 4.6(g), this proceeding is converted from an ECP to a regular complaint.

EVENT	DATE
Rebuttal Testimony	November 13, 2026
Meet & Confer pursuant to Rule 13.9	10 calendar days after rebuttal testimony
Status Conference	December 2026
Offer Exhibits, Testimony, Exhibit Lists, Witness Lists – Order and Estimated Time	January 15, 2027
Objections to Exhibits and Testimony	January 22, 2027
Joint Statement	January 22, 2027
Evidentiary Hearings In-person Testimony (Los Angeles)	February 2027 (estimate 2 days)
Opening Briefs Filed and Served	March 12, 2027
Reply Briefs Filed and Served	March 26, 2027
Submission	At the time of filing Reply Briefs
Proposed Decision	90 days after Submission

Dated October 23, 2026, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ MINH LEQUANG
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Administrative Law Judge