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**CPUC TO HOLD PUBLIC FORUM ON GOLDEN STATE WATER'S
BEAR VALLEY ELECTRIC DIVISION'S REQUESTS**

SAN FRANCISCO, June 17, 2019 - The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) will hold a public forum for customers of Golden State Water Company's Bear Valley Electric Service Division to give their perspective and input to the CPUC regarding the utility's requests, as follows:

WHEN: Tuesday, July 16, 2019, 6 p.m.

WHERE: The Lodge at Big Bear Lake, 40650 Village Drive, Big Bear, CA 92315

This public forum, called a Public Participation Hearing, will begin with a brief overview of Bear Valley Electric's requests; then public comments will be heard. The CPUC Administrative Law Judges assigned to these proceedings are scheduled to write Proposed Decisions in these cases for CPUC Commissioner consideration within the year.

The CPUC welcomes attendance and comment on Bear Valley Electric's requests at the public forums, as public comments will help the CPUC reach an informed decision.

For those unable to attend in person, written comments may be submitted to: CPUC Public Advisor, 505 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, CA 94102, or via email to public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov. Please refer to the proceeding numbers on any written or email correspondence:

- Proceeding to transfer Golden State Water Company's Bear Valley Electric Service Division to a newly formed sister corporation: A.18-12-019



- Bear Valley Electric’s request to purchase Bear Valley Solar Energy Project: A.19-03-008
- Bear Valley Electric’s request for a new tariff to compensate distributed generation service customers: A.19-03-011

All public comments received are provided to the CPUC’s Commissioners and the Administrative Law Judges assigned to the proceedings.

American States Water Company is the parent company of Golden State Water Company, and has three segments: water, electric and contracted services. Golden State provides water services to approximately 260,000 customers in 10 California counties. Additionally, the utility distributes electricity to approximately 24,000 customers in several San Bernardino County mountain communities through its Bear Valley Electric Service Division.

Application (A).18-12-019

In this proceeding, Golden State Water proposes to establish a corporate reorganization plan that would transfer its electric service division, Bear Valley Electric Service (BVES), to a newly formed sister corporation, Bear Valley Electric Service, Inc. (BVES NewCo). If the plan is approved, both Golden State and BVES NewCo would operate as a separate stand-alone subsidiary of American States Water Company, and would remain subject to regulation by the CPUC.

- The Ruling setting this public forum is available at:
<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/Efile/G000/M289/K610/289610861.PDF>
- Documents related to this proceeding are available at:
https://apps.cpuc.ca.gov/apex/f?p=401:56:0::NO:RP,57,RIR:P5_PROCEEDING_SELECT:A1812019

Application (A).19-03-008

In this proceeding, Golden State Water Company’s Bear Valley Electric Service Division submitted an application to the CPUC requesting: 1) approval to purchase the Bear Valley Solar Energy Project; 2) approval to act on the ratemaking process associated with this project’s capital investment and to recover operating expenses; and 3) approval to implement a tariff deviation that will allow Bear Valley Electric to begin electric service to the Big Bear Area Regional Wastewater Agency. According to Bear Valley Electric, adding the project would support the utility’s efforts in meeting

its Renewables Portfolio Standard requirements as well as greenhouse gas reduction goals envisioned by Senate Bill 100.

- The Ruling setting this public forum is available at:
<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/Efile/G000/M299/K660/299660120.PDF>
- Documents related to this proceeding are available at:
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Application (A).19-03-011

On March 15, 2019, Golden State Water Company's Bear Valley Electric Service Division submitted an application to the CPUC requesting approval for a proposed new tariff to compensate eligible distributed generation service customers. The proposed tariff is primarily intended to encourage continued installation of residential photovoltaic systems, providing payment incentives for customers that provide electricity to the grid. According to Bear Valley Electric, eligible customers under the program will receive a credit to their billing if the customer generated more energy than consumed.

- The Ruling setting this public forum is available at:
<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/Efile/G000/M298/K506/298506861.PDF>
- Documents related to this proceeding are available at:
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While a quorum of Commissioners and/or their staff may attend, no official action will be taken on this matter at the public forums.

If specialized accommodations are needed to attend, such as non-English or sign language interpreters, please contact the CPUC's Public Advisor's Office at public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov or toll free at 866-849-8390 at least three business days in advance of the public forum.

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