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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of SAN GABRIEL VALLEY WATER COMPANY (U337W) for Authority to Increase Rates Charged for Water Service in its Los Angeles County Division by \$10,791,000 or 13.1% in July 2023, \$4,847,000 or 5.2% in July 2024, and \$5,044,000 or 5.1% in July 2025, and in its Fontana Water Company division by \$9,202,000 or 11.3% in July 2023, \$5,164,000 or 5.7% in July 2024, and \$5,281,000 or 5.4% in July 2025, and related relief.

Application 22-01-003

ORDER EXTENDING STATUTORY DEADLINE**Summary**

This decision extends the statutory deadline in this proceeding until January 3, 2024.

1. Background and Justification

On January 3, 2022, San Gabriel Valley Water Company (San Gabriel) filed Application (A.) 22-01-003, its triennial General Rate Case, for authority to increase rates beginning July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026 (Application).

A protest was filed by Fontana Unified School District on February 1, 2022, and by the Public Advocates Office of the California Public Utilities Commission

(Cal Advocates) on February 18, 2022. A reply to both protests was filed by San Gabriel on February 28, 2022.

On March 9, 2022, the assigned Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) held a prehearing conference.

On May 13, 2022, the assigned Commissioner issued a Scoping Memo and Ruling (Scoping Memo). The Scoping Memo categorized this proceeding as ratesetting.

On July 7, 2022 and July 11, 2022, four remote public participation hearings were held.

On September 19, 2022, San Gabriel, Cal Advocates, and Fontana Unified School District (collectively, the Parties) were assigned to the Alternative Dispute Resolution Program of the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission). On November 4, 2022, the Parties notified the assigned ALJ that a settlement had been reached in principle.

On December 16, 2022, the *Joint Motion of the Public Advocates Office, the Fontana Unified School District and San Gabriel Valley Water Company for Approval of the Settlement Agreement* was filed.

On March 16, 2023, the assigned ALJ issued a ruling asking the Parties to the Settlement Agreement to provide supplemental information addressing various scoping issues which were not thoroughly discussed in the Settlement Agreement. The response was filed on April 3, 2023.

On April 17, 2023, the assigned ALJ issued a ruling inquiring about the rate increases since the filing of the Application, and requesting additional information on the credit/debit card program amendment proposals.

On April 20, 2023, San Gabriel filed its responses, closing the record for submission. Pursuant to Rule 14.2(a) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and

Procedure (Rules), a proposed decision shall be filed no later than 90 days of submission.

The current statutory deadline for this proceeding is July 3, 2023. With the additional information provided by the Parties, the proceeding must be extended so that a proposed decision may fully consider the recently submitted information.

2. Waiver of Comment Period

Under Rule 14.6(c)(4), the Commission may waive the otherwise applicable 30-day period for public review and comment on a decision that extends the deadline for resolving a ratesetting proceeding pursuant to Public Utilities (Pub. Util.) Code Section 1701.5. Under the circumstances of this proceeding, it is appropriate to waive the 30-day period for public review and comment.

3. Assignment of Proceeding

Genevieve Shiroma is the assigned Commissioner and Susan Lee is the assigned ALJ and the presiding officer in this proceeding.

Findings of Fact

1. The current statutory deadline for resolving A.22-01-003 is July 3, 2023.
2. A.22-01-003 cannot be completed by July 3, 2023.
3. An extension of the statutory deadline until January 3, 2024 is necessary to allow adequate time to complete this proceeding.

Conclusion of Law

1. Pursuant to the authority granted to the Commission under Pub. Util. Code Section 1701.5(a), the statutory deadline should be extended to January 3, 2024.

IT IS ORDERED that the statutory deadline for completion of this proceeding is extended until January 3, 2024.

This order is effective today.

Dated _____, at San Francisco, California.