

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of Application of California Water Service Company (U 60 W), a corporation, for an order authorizing it to increase rates charged for water service in the Chico District by \$2,614,975 or 24.20% in fiscal 2005-2006, by \$603,000 or 4.46% in fiscal 2006-2007, and by \$603,000 or 4.27% in fiscal 2007-2008.

Application 04-09-028
(Filed September 27, 2004)

Application 04-09-029
(Filed September 27, 2004)

Application 04-09-030
(Filed September 27, 2004)

Application 04-09-031
(Filed September 27, 2004)

Application 04-09-032
(Filed September 27, 2004)

Application 04-09-033
(Filed September 27, 2004)

Application 04-09-034
(Filed September 27, 2004)

Application 04-09-035
(Filed September 27, 2004)

And Related Matters.

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY**TO: ALL PARTIES OF RECORD IN THE ABOVE-CAPTIONED PROCEEDINGS:**

The proposed decision of Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) DeBerry, previously designated as principal hearing officer, has been made available at http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/PUBLISHED/COMMENT_DECISION/47437.htm on June 28, 2005. This decision adopts a Settlement Agreement between California Water Service Company and the Office of Ratepayer Advocates.

Any recipient of this Notice of Availability who is not receiving service by electronic mail in this proceeding or who is unable to access the link to the Commission's Website given above may request a paper copy of the proposed decision from the Commission's

Central Files Office, at (415) 703-2045; fax number (415) 703-2263; e-mail cen@cpuc.ca.gov.

The proposed decision of the ALJ in this matter is mailed to the parties in accordance with Section 311(d) of the Public Utilities Code and Rule 77.1 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure (Rules), but with a shortened comment time as established in e-mail communications by the ALJ and the parties on June 13, 2005. Comments are due on July 11, 2005, and no reply comments are permitted.

Included with the Notice of Availability is an ALJ ruling reopening the proceeding for the sole purpose of receiving a late-filed addendum to the Settlement Agreement.

The proposed decision will appear on the Commission's agenda on July 21, 2005. The Commission may act then, or it may postpone action until later. This matter was categorized as ratesetting and is subject to Pub. Util. Code § 1701.3(c). Pursuant to Resolution ALJ-180, a Ratesetting Deliberative Meeting (RDM) to consider this matter may be held upon the request of any Commissioner. If that occurs, the Commission will prepare and mail an agenda for the RDM 10 days before hand. When an RDM is held, there is a related ex parte communications prohibition period.

When the Commission acts on the proposed decision, it may adopt all or part of it as written, amend or modify it, or set it aside and prepare its own decision. Only when the Commission acts does the decision become binding on the parties.

Parties to the proceeding may file comments on the proposed decision as provided in Article 19 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, accessible at http://www.cpus.ca.gov/PUBLISHED/RULES_PRAC_PROC/44887.htm. Pursuant to Rule 77.3 opening comments shall not exceed 15 pages.

Comments must be filed with the Commission's Docket Office. Comments should be served on parties to this proceeding in accordance with Rules 2.3 and 2.3.1. Electronic copies of comments should be sent to ALJ DeBerry at bmd@cpuc.ca.gov. All parties must serve hard copies on ALJ DeBerry, and for that purpose I suggest hand delivery, overnight mail or other expeditious methods of service. The current service list for this proceeding is available on the Commission's Website, www.cpus.ca.gov.

Dated June 28, 2005, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ STEVEN KOTZ for

Angela K. Minkin, Chief

Administrative Law Judge