



BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Application of Golden State Water Company (U 133 W) for an Order pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 851 Approving a Settlement in a Water Rights Adjudication, and for an Order Pursuant to Section 454 Approving the Proposed Ratemaking Treatment of the Costs of the Adjudication and Settlement.

Application 06-02-026
(Filed February 24, 2006)

**COMMENTS OF THE DIVISION OF RATEPAYER ADVOCATES ON
THE PROPOSED DECISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
DEANGELIS REGARDING GSWC'S APPLICATION 06-02-026**

I. INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to Rule 14.3 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the Division of Ratepayer Advocates ("DRA") hereby submits these Comments on the Proposed Decision of Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") DeAngelis.

The Proposed Decision dismisses Application ("A.") 06-02-026 without prejudice and denies Golden State Water Company's ("GSWC") Motion to Extend the Statutory Deadline for resolving A. 06-06-026 and to Set a Schedule for Phase II ("Motion to Extend").

The Proposed Decision reaches conclusions that are supported by the facts, law, and record. Due to the continuing uncertainty about the court Stipulation and what alternative supplemental water plan GSWC will pursue in the Nipomo Mesa, the Proposed Decision correctly finds that the reasons for the delays in Phase II of this application have not changed substantially. GSWC has not provided evidence that the issues causing the delays in this proceeding will be resolved in the near future. Therefore, GSWC should file a new application when these issues are resolved.

For these reasons stated, and those specified in DRA's Motion to Dismiss, DRA recommends that the Commission adopt the Proposed Decision.

Respectfully submitted,

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