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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING GRANTING PARTY STATUS TO MR. TRIMBLE AND DENYING MOTION TO LATE FILE PROTEST

Today's ruling denies Gerald Trimble's motion for permission to late-file a protest in the above-captioned proceeding. However, this ruling serves to grant Mr. Trimble party status in this proceeding.

On June 8, 2007, Mr. Trimble filed a motion for permission to late-file a protest. In this motion, Mr. Trimble acknowledges that Rule 2.6 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (Rules) directs parties to file protests within 30 days of the date the notice of the filing of the application first appears in the Commission's Daily Calendar. Mr. Trimble notes that certain events occurring in state court delayed his filing.

On June 25, 2007, Golden State Water Company (GSWC) filed a response to Mr. Trimble's motion for permission to late-file a protest. GSWC argues that the Commission should deny Mr. Trimble's motion because it was filed beyond the time period contemplated by Rule 2.6 and Mr. Trimble fails to provide good cause for this late filing. Additionally, GSWC points out that the Commission's

denial of this protest does not preclude Mr. Trimble's participation in this proceeding as a party.

Rule 2.6 states, in pertinent part, that "Unless otherwise provided by rule, decision or General Order, a protest or response must be filed within 30 days of the date the notice of the filing of the application first appears in the Daily Calendar... ." The time period for filing protests in this proceeding expired on March 30, 2006. Accordingly, Mr. Trimble's motion is denied.

However, this Ruling grants Mr. Trimble party status in the proceeding. As a party, Mr. Trimble is permitted to participate fully in the proceeding consistent with the Rules. At this point in this proceeding, party status does not mean that Mr. Trimble will be permitted to expand the scope of this proceeding as described in the June 27, 2006 scoping memo and in Decision 07-05-041.

IT IS RULED that:

1. Gerald Trimble's June 8, 2007 motion seeking permission to late-file a protest is denied.
2. Mr. Trimble is granted party status and the Commission's Process Office is directed to place his name and address on the appearance portion of the official service list for this proceeding.

Dated July 6, 2007, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ REGINA DEANGELIS

Regina DeAngelis
Administrative Law Judge

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Dated July 6, 2007, at San Francisco, California.

 /s/ JEANNIE CHANG

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