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Advice Letter No. 2537

To the California Public Utilities Commission:

California Water Service Company (“Cal Water”) respectfully submits this Tier 3 advice letter requesting authorization to voluntarily relinquish its certificate of public convenience and necessity (“CPCN”) for constructing and operating a public utility water and wastewater system in its Millerton District located near Friant, CA in Madera County and to be relieved of any public utility responsibilities to that district. ***Please note that this advice letter will only be distributed electronically.***

Summary

Cal Water submits this advice letter to voluntarily relinquish its certificate of public convenience and necessity (“CPCN”) for constructing and operating a public utility water and wastewater system in its Millerton District located near Friant, CA in Madera County and to be relieved of any public utility responsibilities to that district.

Background

Cal Water filed Application 20-01-012 with the Commission on January 24, 2020, to request a CPCN to provide water and wastewater service to new customers at a new mixed-used development, known as The Preserve at Millerton, near Friant, CA, in Madera County. Cal Water sought the authority requested in Application 20-01-012 based upon a proposed transaction with NFC-1 Investments L.L.C. (“Developer”) in the Asset and Real Property Purchase and Sale Agreement, dated and effective January 24, 2019 (“APA”). Under the two-part transaction, the Developer was to complete construction of the proposed water and wastewater systems necessary to serve The Preserve at Millerton. Following the acquisition, Cal Water would operate the water and wastewater systems as a public utility subject to the Commission’s regulatory authority.

In D.21-08-007, the Commission granted Cal Water a CPCN for the new Millerton District and other related relief. However, since that time Cal Water and the Developer tried, but were unable to reach a mutual understanding of a path to closing the transactions contemplated under the APA. Consequently, Cal Water and the Developer mutually agreed to cancel the APA under the terms and conditions of a Cancellation Agreement dated and effective April 29, 2024 (“Cancellation Agreement”). At no point did Cal Water commence service to customers in the Millerton District.



Discussion

In this advice letter, Cal Water requests authority from the Commission to voluntarily relinquish the CPCN granted in D.21-08-007 to operate the Millerton District and to be relieved of any public utility responsibilities to the system being abandoned. Because the parties were unable to close on the original proposed transaction transferring control of the water and wastewater systems, Cal Water never commenced public utility operations at the Millerton District – accordingly, the requested relinquishment of the CPCN will not impact any Cal Water customers. Therefore, Cal Water respectfully requests an order from the Commission revoking the CPCN granted in D.21-08-007 to operate the Millerton District and to be relieved of any public utility responsibilities for that district.

Authority

Cal Water submits this as a Tier 3 advice letter according to General Order 96-B, Water Industry Rule 7.3.3(9).

Requested Effective Date

Cal Water requests an effective date of November 29, 2024.

Notice

Customer Notice: As Cal Water never commenced service in the Millerton District, there are no existing customers in the Millerton District to provide customer notice to.

Service List: In accordance with General Order 96-B, General Rules 4.3 and 7.2, and Water Industry Rule 4.1, a copy of this advice letter will be electronically transmitted to Cal Water’s Millerton Advice Letter Mailing List on October 29, 2024. A copy of this advice letter will be transmitted electronically on October 29, 2024 to the official service list for the previous A.20-01-012 proceeding in which the Commission previously granted the CPCN for the Millerton District.

Response or Protest

Anyone may respond to or protest this advice letter. When submitting a response or protest, please include the utility name and advice letter number in the subject line. A response supports the filing and may contain information that proves useful to the Commission in evaluating the advice letter. A protest objects to the advice letter in whole or in part and must set forth the specific grounds on which it is based. These grounds are:

- (1) The utility did not properly serve or give notice of the advice letter;
- (2) The relief requested in the advice letter would violate statute or Commission order, or is not authorized by statute or Commission order on which the utility relies;
- (3) The analysis, calculations, or data in the advice letter contain material error or omissions;



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- (4) The relief requested in the advice letter is pending before the Commission in a formal proceeding; or
- (5) The relief requested in the advice letter requires consideration in a formal hearing, or is otherwise inappropriate for the advice letter process; or
- (6) The relief requested in the advice letter is unjust, unreasonable, or discriminatory (provided such a protest may not be made where it would require relitigating a prior order of the Commission.)

A protest shall provide citations or proofs where available to allow staff to properly consider the protest. A response or protest must be made in writing or by electronic mail and must be received by the Water Division within 20 days of the date this advice letter is filed. The address for mailing or delivering a protest is:

Tariff Unit, Water Division, 3rd floor
California Public Utilities Commission,
505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102
water.division@cpuc.ca.gov

On the same date the response or protest is submitted to the Water Division, the respondent or protestant shall send a copy by mail (or e-mail) to Cal Water at the following address:

Natalie Wales
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Cities and counties requiring Board of Supervisors or Board of Commissioners approval to protest should inform the Water Division within the 20-day protest period so a late-filed protest can be entertained. The informing document should include an estimate of the date the proposed protest might be voted on. The advice letter process does not provide for any responses, protests or comments, except for the utility's reply, after the comment period.

Replies: The utility shall reply to each protest and may reply to any response. Each reply must be received by the Water Division within 5 business days after the end of the protest period and shall be served on the same day to the person who filed the protest or response. If you have not received a reply to your protest within 10 business days, contact California Water Service Company at (408) 367-8200 and ask for the Rates Department.

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