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I. INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to the Rate Case Plan adopted by the California Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) in Decision 07-05-062 and the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure (“Rules”), Golden State Water Company (“GSWC”) hereby submits this application requesting that the Commission find reasonable and authorize:

- GSWC’s rate of return on rate base of 9.11% for the 2018 test year and 2019 - 2020 escalation years;
- GSWC’s capital structure for 2018 – 2020 to consist of 43.0% long-term debt and 57.0% common equity;
- GSWC’s return on equity of 11.0%; and
- GSWC’s revenue increase for 2018 of \$12.1 million in light of the foregoing.

GSWC has provided responses to the Minimum Data Requirements for Utility Cost of Capital Application and Testimony, as required by Decision 07-05-062, as part of the Testimony of Jon Pierotti, which is being served concurrently herewith.

Consistent with the directives of California law, Commission rulings, and GSWC’s assessment of the water utility industry, GSWC presents testimony on the following issues

critical to the Commission's assessment of GSWC's cost of capital: business and regulatory risk, interest rates and general economic conditions, capital structure, return on debt, and return on equity.

II. GSWC's REQUESTED COST OF CAPITAL FOR 2018-2020

A. Rate of Return on Rate Base

As set forth in the Testimony of Eva Tang, GSWC proposes an average rate of return on rate base of 9.11% for the 2018 test year and 2019 - 2020 escalation years. GSWC arrived at this rate, which is a weighted average of the cost of equity and cost of debt, by utilizing the proposed average cost of long-term debt of 6.60%, a proposed cost of common equity of 11.0% and a proposed fixed capital structure comprising 43.0% debt and 57.0% equity.

B. Capital Structure

As set forth in the testimony of GSWC witness Eva Tang, GSWC proposes that the Commission adopt a capital structure for 2018 – 2020 consisting of 43.0% long-term debt and 57.0% common equity. This proposal is based upon the benefits associated with maintaining GSWC's "A2" credit rating with Moody's Investors Service and "A+" credit rating with Standard & Poor's and projections of external financing requirements needed to maintain these ratings.

C. Return on Common Equity

GSWC proposes that the Commission adopt a return on equity of 11.0%, as set forth in the Testimony of Paul Moul. This proposal is based upon capital market and financial data relied upon by investors when assessing the relative risk, and hence cost of equity, for a water utility, such as GSWC.

D. Revenue Increase and Impact on Rates

GSWC has evaluated rates of return that will be required in 2018 to compensate investors for the risks associated with GSWC's water utility operations. Based on the values proposed by Ms. Tang and Mr. Moul, GSWC recommends a combined 2018 revenue increase for all GSWC ratemaking areas (Regions 1, 2 and 3) of \$12.1 million, as set forth in the Testimony of Jon Pierotti. This increase represents the increased revenue requirement necessary to achieve an authorized rate of return on ratebase of 9.11% in 2018. This increase incorporates the revised rate of return as well as the increases in state and federal income taxes and uncollectible costs.

The impacts on rates for this revenue increase are detailed in the Testimony of Jon Pierotti, beginning at page 5.

E. Annual Update to Authorized Cost of Capital

In Decision D.09-07-051, the Commission adopted a settlement agreement establishing a Water Cost of Capital Mechanism for California Water Service Company, California American Water Company, and Golden State Water Company. With some modifications, the Water Cost of Capital Mechanism was adopted for San Jose in D.10-10-035. In Decision D.12-07-009, the Commission approved a settlement for the continuation of the Water Cost of Capital Mechanism to the base year 2012 ratemaking return on common equity for the subsequent years 2013 and 2014. GSWC requests that the adjustment mechanism adopted in D.09-07-051 and D.12-07-009 also be adopted in this proceeding for any adjustment to 2019 and 2020 from the 2018 base year.

III. GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY

A. Corporate Information and Description of GSWC's Service Territory and Utility System

GSWC's legal name is Golden State Water Company, which is a regulated subsidiary of American States Water Company. It's mailing address and principal place of business is 630 East Foothill Boulevard, San Dimas, California, 91773. GSWC's main telephone number is (909) 394-3600. Correspondence and communications regarding this Application should be addressed to:

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GSWC is a corporation duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of California and represents the consolidation, effective on December 31, 1929 upon the order of this Commission, of some twenty corporations which were formerly operated under the jurisdiction of this Commission as public utilities, together with subsequent acquisitions and additions. A copy of GSWC's Restated Articles of Incorporation is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

GSWC is a public utility, and its principal business is the production and distribution of water for domestic, industrial, municipal and other purposes. GSWC renders water service in various areas in the counties of Contra Costa, Imperial, Lake, Los Angeles, Orange, Sacramento,

San Bernardino, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Ventura, and electric service in the vicinity of Big Bear Lake in San Bernardino County.

B. Proposed Categorization, Need for Hearing and Proposed Schedule

GSWC proposes that this is a rate setting proceeding, within the meaning of Rule 1.3(e) of the Commission's Rules. At this time, GSWC cannot determine if hearings will be necessary. Hearings will likely be necessary if other parties contest GSWC's application.

GSWC understands that the Commission will arrive at a joint schedule for the four water utilities. GSWC proposes the following schedule for hearings, briefs and other proceedings, subject to the Commission's and the three other Class A Water Utilities' schedules:

April 3, 2017	Application due
April 17, 2017	Prehearing Conference
June 16, 2017	ORA and Intervener Testimony Due
July 17, 2017	Rebuttal Testimony Due
August 7, 2017	Hearings
September 6, 2017	Opening Briefs due
September 20, 2017	Reply Briefs due
October 20, 2017	Proposed Decision
November 9, 2017	Comments on Proposed Decision
November 20, 2017	Reply Comments on Proposed Decision
December 5, 2017	Final Decision

C. Balance Sheet and Income Statement

Attached hereto as Exhibit B are GSWC's most recent audited balance sheet and income statement.

D. Statutory Authority

This Application is made pursuant to Sections 451, 454, 701, 702 *et al.* of the Public Utilities Code, the Commission's Rules, and the prior decisions, order and resolutions of the Commission.

E. Service of Notice of Application

In compliance with Rule 3.2 and Public Utilities Code section 454, GSWC will provide notice and proof of compliance with the various provisions of such rule as required. A draft of the notice is attached hereto as Exhibit C and has been submitted to the Public Advisors Office for approval.

IV. CONCLUSION

GSWC respectfully requests that the Commission issue a decision:

- Finding reasonable and authorizing GSWC to implement a rate of return on rate base of 9.11% for the 2018 test year and 2019 - 2020 escalation years;
- Finding reasonable and authorizing GSWC's capital structure for 2018 – 2020 to consist of 43.0% long-term debt and 57.0% common equity;
- Finding reasonable and authorizing GSWC's return on equity of 11.0%;
- Granting other such relief as the Commission finds just and reasonable;

- Authorizing the continuation of the Cost of Capital Mechanism for any adjustment to 2019 and 2020 from the 2018 base year;
- Finding reasonable and authorizing GSWC to increase its revenue for 2018 by \$12.1 million; and
- Granting relief with interim rates as determined reasonable by the Commission if completion according to the Commission's Regulatory Plan Time Table is delayed or if step and attrition increases are delayed due to no fault of GSWC.

Respectfully submitted,

By /s/ KEITH SWITZER

Keith Switzer

Vice President, Regulatory Affairs

GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY

VERIFICATION

With respect to the within Cost of Capital Application for 2018 - 2020, the undersigned certifies that he holds the position indicated below his name, that he is authorized to make this verification for and on behalf of said entity; that he has read the Application and knows the contents thereof; and that the same is true of his own knowledge and belief, except as to those matters which are thereon stated upon his information or belief, and as to those matters, he believes them to be true.

The undersigned declares under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on April 3, 2017, in the City of San Dimas, California.

By /s/ KEITH SWITZER

Keith Switzer

Vice President, Regulatory Affairs

GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY

EXHIBIT A

Articles of Incorporation

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CERTIFICATE OF AMENDMENT
OF
RESTATED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WATER COMPANY,
a California corporation

ENDORSED - FILED
In the office of the Secretary of State
of the State of California

SEP 30 2005

Floyd E. Wicks and Robert J. Sprowls certify that:

1. They are the duly elected and acting President and Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, Senior Vice President-Finance and Secretary, respectively, of the corporation named above.

2. The Restated Articles of Incorporation of the corporation are amended by amending Article One to read as follows:

NAME

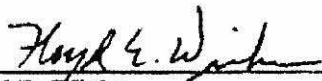
One: The name of the corporation is Golden State Water Company.

3. The above amendment has been approved by the Board of Directors of the corporation.

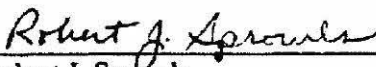
4. The above amendment was approved by the vote of the sole shareholder of the corporation in accordance with Section 902 of the California Corporations Code; the total number of outstanding shares of each class entitled to vote with respect to the amendment was 122 Common Shares, all of which voted in favor of the above amendment.

We further declare under penalty of perjury under the law of the State of California that the matters set forth in this certificate are true and correct of our own knowledge:

September 16, 2005



Floyd E. Wicks
President and Chief Executive Officer



Robert J. Sprowls
Chief Financial Officer, Senior Vice President-Finance and
Secretary



EXHIBIT B

Balance Sheet &
Income Statement

GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY

BALANCE SHEET

	December 31, 2016	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2016	December 31, 2015
	(in thousands)		(in thousands)	
Assets				
Utility Plant, at cost				
Water.....	\$ 1,514,419	\$ 1,428,024	\$ 446,770	\$ 423,730
Electric.....	94,009	88,481	325,252	325,541
	1,608,428	1,516,505	772,022	749,271
Less - Accumulated depreciation.....	(524,927)	(522,749)		
	1,083,501	993,756		
Construction work in progress.....	61,810	62,360		
Net utility plant	1,145,311	1,056,116		
Other Property and Investments				
State Water Project.....	4,049	4,218		
Other physical property, net.....	941	1,008		
Other investments.....	13,523	11,181		
Funds held in trust.....	206	174		
Total other property and investments	18,719	16,581		
Current Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents.....	209	2,501		
Accounts receivable - customers (less allowance for doubtful accounts of \$702 in 2016 and \$790 in 2015).....	19,993	18,940		
Other accounts receivable - customers (less allowance for doubtful accounts of \$59 in 2016 and \$129 in 2015).....	1,959	1,455		
Intercompany receivable.....	-	54		
Note receivable from Parent.....	-	-		
Income taxes receivable from Parent.....	21,856	11,000		
Unbilled revenue.....	17,700	18,181		
Materials and supplies, at average cost.....	3,724	4,860		
Regulatory assets - current.....	43,296	30,134		
Prepayments and other current assets.....	3,520	2,793		
Deferred income taxes - current.....	-	-		
Total current assets	112,257	89,918		
Regulatory and Other Assets				
Unamortized debt expense and redemption premium.....	4,271	4,641		
Regulatory assets.....	102,985	102,562		
Deferred income taxes.....	-	-		
Other accounts receivable.....	983	521		
Other.....	3,923	6,181		
Total deferred charges	112,162	113,905		
Total Assets	\$ 1,388,449	\$ 1,276,520		
Capitalization and Liabilities				
Capitalization				
Common shareholder's equity.....		\$ 446,770	\$ 423,730	
Long-term debt.....		325,252	325,541	
Total capitalization		772,022	749,271	
Current Liabilities				
Long-term debt - current.....		330	312	
Accounts payable.....		34,848	39,610	
Dividends payable.....		-	-	
Intercompany payable.....		61,726	12,000	
Income taxes payable to Parent.....		-	-	
Accrued employee expenses.....		10,983	10,630	
Accrued interest.....		3,588	3,599	
Derivative.....		4,901	7,053	
Deferred income taxes - current.....		-	-	
Other.....		19,795	17,751	
Total current liabilities		135,971	90,955	
Other Credits				
Advances for construction.....		69,722	68,041	
Contributions in aid of construction.....		120,518	117,810	
Deferred income taxes.....		227,798	195,658	
Unamortized investment tax credits.....		1,529	1,612	
Accrued pension and other postretirement benefits.....		49,856	42,666	
Regulatory liabilities.....		-	-	
Other.....		11,033	10,507	
Total other credits		480,456	436,294	
Total Capitalization and Liabilities		\$ 1,388,449	\$ 1,276,520	

GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY
STATEMENT OF INCOME
MONTH, YEAR TO DATE AND TWELVE MONTHS ENDED
December 31, 2016 and 2015

	THIS MONTH		Increase (Decrease)	Percent Change	YEAR TO DATE		Increase (Decrease)	Percent Change	TWELVE MONTHS ENDED		Increase (Decrease)	Percent Change
	December, 2016	December, 2015			December, 2016	December, 2015			December, 2016	December, 2015		
Operating Revenues												
Water	\$ 20,247,930	\$ 20,497,076	\$ (249,146)	-1.22%	\$ 298,157,772	\$ 323,778,374	\$ (25,620,601)	-7.91%	\$ 298,157,772	\$ 323,778,374	\$ (25,620,601)	-7.91%
Electric	3,873,184	3,764,214	108,970	2.89%	35,525,631	35,652,824	(127,192)	-0.36%	35,525,631	35,652,824	(127,192)	-0.36%
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total operating revenues	24,121,114	24,261,290	(140,176)	-0.58%	333,683,404	359,431,197	(25,747,794)	-7.16%	333,683,404	359,431,197	(25,747,794)	-7.16%
Supply Costs												
Water Purchased	4,308,498	4,856,200	(547,702)	-11.28%	64,422,565	62,710,023	1,712,541	2.73%	64,422,565	62,710,023	1,712,541	2.73%
Supply cost balancing accounts	(1,440,382)	(753,717)	(686,665)	91.10%	(12,206,046)	7,784,845	(19,990,891)	-256.79%	(12,206,046)	7,784,845	(19,990,891)	-256.79%
Power for pumping	443,249	511,765	(68,515)	-13.39%	8,662,971	8,988,413	(325,442)	-3.62%	8,662,971	8,988,413	(325,442)	-3.62%
Power for resale	1,234,745	1,328,079	(93,334)	-7.03%	10,387,313	10,394,728	(7,416)	-0.07%	10,387,313	10,394,728	(7,416)	-0.07%
Pump taxes	1,150,174	975,166	175,008	17.95%	14,993,452	13,648,356	1,345,097	9.86%	14,993,452	13,648,356	1,345,097	9.86%
Total supply costs	5,696,284	6,917,492	(1,221,208)	-17.65%	86,260,255	103,526,366	(17,266,111)	-16.68%	86,260,255	103,526,366	(17,266,111)	-16.68%
Revenues Less Supply Costs	18,424,830	17,343,798	1,081,032	6.23%	247,423,149	255,904,831	(8,481,682)	-3.31%	247,423,149	255,904,831	(8,481,682)	-3.31%
Other Operating Expenses												
Other operation expenses	1,621,769	2,401,073	(779,303)	-32.46%	24,539,203	24,645,612	(106,409)	-0.43%	24,539,203	24,645,612	(106,409)	-0.43%
Maintenance expenses	1,973,091	1,825,998	147,093	8.06%	14,320,352	14,339,841	(19,489)	-0.14%	14,320,352	14,339,841	(19,489)	-0.14%
Administrative and general expenses	4,894,524	4,370,352	524,172	11.99%	61,612,501	62,289,340	(676,839)	-1.09%	61,612,501	62,289,340	(676,839)	-1.09%
Depreciation and amortization	3,165,173	3,299,869	(134,695)	-4.08%	36,776,471	39,871,505	(3,095,034)	-7.76%	36,776,471	39,871,505	(3,095,034)	-7.76%
Property and other taxes	1,027,882	1,281,150	(253,268)	-19.77%	15,165,757	14,983,488	182,269	1.22%	15,165,757	14,983,488	182,269	1.22%
Total other operating expenses	12,682,439	13,178,441	(496,002)	-3.76%	152,414,284	156,129,786	(3,715,502)	-2.38%	152,414,284	156,129,786	(3,715,502)	-2.38%
Operating Income	5,742,391	4,165,358	1,577,034	37.86%	95,008,864	99,775,045	(4,766,181)	-4.78%	95,008,864	99,775,045	(4,766,181)	-4.78%
State income taxes	1,382	174,611	(173,229)	-99.21%	5,715,557	7,702,887	(1,987,330)	-25.80%	5,715,557	7,702,887	(1,987,330)	-25.80%
Federal income taxes	1,653,622	379,270	1,274,353	336.00%	22,304,891	24,687,767	(2,382,876)	-9.65%	22,304,891	24,687,767	(2,382,876)	-9.65%
Total income taxes	1,655,004	553,880	1,101,124	198.80%	28,020,447	32,390,654	(4,370,206)	-13.49%	28,020,447	32,390,654	(4,370,206)	-13.49%
Income Before Interest Charges	4,087,387	3,611,478	475,910	13.18%	66,988,417	67,384,392	(395,975)	-0.59%	66,988,417	67,384,392	(395,975)	-0.59%
Interest expenses (income)	1,072,372	1,002,273	70,098	6.99%	20,935,647	20,108,144	827,503	4.12%	20,935,647	20,108,144	827,503	4.12%
Non-regulatory income (loss):												
Income taxes on non-regulatory items	(229,536)	134,704	(364,240)	-270.40%	(588,229)	(81,381)	(506,848)	622.81%	(588,229)	(81,381)	(506,848)	622.81%
Other	458,264	(321,069)	779,333	-242.73%	1,504,321	396,336	1,107,986	279.56%	1,504,321	396,336	1,107,986	279.56%
Total non-regulatory income(loss)	228,728	(186,365)	415,093	-222.73%	916,093	314,955	601,138	190.86%	916,093	314,955	601,138	190.86%
Net Income(loss)	\$ 3,243,744	\$ 2,422,840	\$ 820,904	33.88%	\$ 46,968,863	\$ 47,591,203	\$ (622,340)	-1.31%	\$ 46,968,863	\$ 47,591,203	\$ (622,340)	-1.31%

EXHIBIT C

Draft Notice

Si tiene alguna pregunta con respecto a este aviso o no entiende el contenido o para obtener una copia en español, llame a nuestro número 1-800-999-4033.

**NOTICE OF REQUESTED RATE INCREASE FOR COST OF CAPITAL FOR
GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY'S
APPLICATION NO. 17-xx-xxx**

SUMMARY

On April 3, 2017, Golden State Water Company (GSWC) filed Application No. 17-xx-xxx with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) requesting an increase in rates to establish its authorized cost of capital and rate of return for utility operations for 2018, 2019 and 2020. GSWC's application requests an increase in the rate of return of 0.77% from the current percentage of 8.34% to 9.11% for 2018, 2019 and 2020. Overall, the proposed changes to the cost of capital will increase GSWC's currently authorized revenues by \$12.1 million (4.0%). If approved, GSWC's request will increase rates beginning on January 1, 2018.

GSWC is required to file a cost of capital application every three years. The authorized cost of capital determines the amount of money GSWC is allowed to recuperate in rates as a return on the money it has invested. This request is subject to adjustment per the Water Cost of Capital Mechanism, which allows for automatic annual adjustments to the return on equity and embedded cost of debt in the cost of capital. GSWC's proposed cost of capital request is summarized in the following table:

Year	Cost Factor	Cost	Capital Structure (Weight)	Weight Cost
2018-2020	Long Term Debt	6.60%	43.0%	2.84%
	Common Equity	11.00%	57.0%	<u>6.27%</u>
				9.11%

CUSTOMER IMPACT

The increase in annual revenues will vary by ratemaking area. The following table shows the proposed increase in 2018 for each of the ratemaking areas served by GSWC.

	Increase	
	Amount (\$000)	%
Region 1		
Arden Cordova	\$379.8	3.1%
Bay Point	\$189.2	3.4%
Clearlake	\$101.1	4.6%
Los Osos	\$242.3	5.7%
Ojai	\$353.2	5.9%
Santa Maria	\$563.8	4.3%
Simi Valley	\$200.0	1.6%
Region 2	\$5,601.1	4.4%
Region 3	\$4,438.5	3.8%
Total	\$12,069.0	4.0%

The impact on customer bills will vary by ratemaking area. The following table shows the effect on an average customer's bill, based on the usage and the respective service areas shown in the table. The impact on any particular customer's bill will depend on the customer's actual usage level and meter size.

District	Average Usage (Ccf)	Current Authorized Rates*	Proposed Rates**	Bill Increase	
				\$	%
Region 1					
Arden Cordova (Residential Metered)	14	\$32.77	\$33.80	\$1.03	3.1%
Arden Cordova (Flat)		\$68.80	\$71.00	\$2.20	3.2%
Arden Cordova (Non-Residential Metered)	111	\$260.40	\$268.56	\$8.16	3.1%
Bay Point (Residential)	7	\$56.41	\$58.33	\$1.92	3.4%
Bay Point (Non-Residential)	71	\$423.57	\$437.97	\$14.40	3.4%
Clearlake (Residential)	5	\$85.89	\$89.86	\$3.97	4.6%
Clearlake (Non-Residential)	12	\$149.81	\$157.38	\$7.57	5.1%
Los Osos (Residential)	6	\$81.96	\$86.65	\$4.69	5.7%
Los Osos (Non-Residential)	27	\$293.62	\$310.42	\$16.80	5.7%
Ojai (Residential)	13	\$114.85	\$121.59	\$6.74	5.9%
Ojai (Non-Residential)	42	\$289.68	\$306.70	\$17.02	5.9%
Santa Maria (Residential)	15	\$59.49	\$62.01	\$2.52	4.2%
Santa Maria (Non-Residential)	53	\$166.63	\$173.69	\$7.06	4.2%
Simi Valley (Residential)	11	\$57.13	\$58.01	\$0.88	1.5%
Simi Valley (Non-Residential)	59	\$359.34	\$364.92	\$5.58	1.6%
Region 2 (Residential)	10	\$54.65	\$57.08	\$2.43	4.4%
Region 2 (Non-Residential)	39	\$171.26	\$178.85	\$7.59	4.4%
Region 3 (Residential)	11	\$56.03	\$58.21	\$2.18	3.9%
Region 3 (Non-Residential)	61	\$249.15	\$258.82	\$9.67	3.9%

* GSWC filed Tier 1 Advice Letters (1679-W - 1690-W) on March 6, 2017, to implement 2017 rates. These advice letters are pending review with an effective date of April 20, 2017.

** The rates proposed for 2018 will continue through a 3 year rate cycle, 2018-2020.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND TO OBTAIN A COPY OF THE APPLICATION

A copy of GSWC's Application No. 17-xx-xxx, and related exhibits, may be reviewed online at www.gswater.com. The application may also be reviewed at the CPUC's Central Files Office by appointment. For more information, contact aljcentralfilesid@cpuc.ca.gov or 1-415-703-2045.

If you need additional information, you may visit www.gswater.com or call GSWC's 24-hour Customer Service Center; toll free, at 1-800-999-4033, TTY 1-877-933-9533.

CPUC PROCESS

This application will be assigned to an Administrative Law Judge (Judge) who will determine how to receive evidence and other related documents, necessary for the CPUC to establish a record upon which

to base its decision. Evidentiary Hearings (EHs) may be held where utilities, consumer advocacy groups, and other entities which have been given official status as parties, will present their testimony and may be subject to cross-examination by other parties. These EHs are open to the public, but only those who are parties may participate. The hearings and documents submitted in the proceeding become part of the formal record. The Judge relies upon the formal record when writing a proposed decision to present to the Commissioners for their consideration.

After considering all proposals and all evidence presented during the formal hearing process, the assigned Judge will issue a proposed decision, determining whether to adopt GSWC's request, modify it, or deny it. Any CPUC Commissioner may sponsor an alternate decision. The proposed decision, and any alternate decisions, will be discussed and voted upon at a scheduled Commission Voting Meeting.

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505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

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Please reference **GSWC's Cost of Capital Application No. 17-xx-xxx** in any communications you have with the CPUC regarding this matter. All public comments will become part of the public correspondence file for this proceeding and made available for review to the assigned Judge, the Commissioners, and appropriate CPUC staff.

GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY