
25-00054-UT - Order Setting Status Hearing

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BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF MELODY RANCH WATER)	Docket No. 25-00054-UT
COMPANY LLC'S WATER SYSTEM BREADOWN)	
AND DISRUPTION OF SERVICE)	
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IN THE MATTER OF MELODY RANCH)
WATER COMPANY LLC’S WATER SYSTEM) Docket No. 25-00054-UT
BREAKDOWN AND DISRUPTION OF)
SERVICE)

ORDER SETTING STATUS HEARING

THIS MATTER comes before Patrick Schaefer, Hearing Examiner for the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (“Commission”), upon the Hearing Examiner’s own motion. Being duly informed, the Hearing Examiner **FINDS** and **CONCLUDES** that:

1. On October 28, 2025, New Mexico Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham issued Executive Order No. 2025-373, declaring a state of emergency due to the ongoing impairment of water service provided by Melody Ranch Water Company, LLC (“Melody Ranch”). The Executive Order was issued the day after the Torrance County Commission declared a state of emergency regarding the service disruption at Melody Ranch, on October 27, 2025.
2. Commission Utility Division Staff (“Staff”) then filed, on October 30, 2025, an unopposed emergency motion¹ seeking to suspend Melody Ranch’s currently-operative commodity charge, effective November 1, 2025, pending any future order from the Commission; and to direct Melody Ranch to immediately dispatch its personnel to gauge the production from the existing well as well as the amount of water currently in its storage tank. There, Staff stated that the Executive Order requires the Commission to consider the implications of the Anti-donation Clause of the New

¹ Unopposed Emergency Motion Regarding Executive Order and Interim Provision of Water Service (Oct. 30, 2025).

Mexico Constitution, which operates as a general prohibition against providing state aid or donations for the benefit of private actors without receiving consideration in exchange. Therefore, Staff, in its motion, urged the Commission to suspend the commodity charge effective November 1, 2025. Melody Ranch did not oppose the motion.

3. On October 30, 2025, the Commission granted Staff's request, ordering the suspension of Melody Ranch's currently operative commodity charge, effective immediately.² The Commission also ordered that Melody Ranch shall immediately dispatch its personnel to gauge the production from the existing well for the purpose of calculating its customers' commodity charges for the current billing period.

It is therefore **ORDERED** that a status hearing will be held beginning at 9 a.m. on Thursday, December 4, 2025. The conference will be held via the Zoom videoconferencing platform. An invitation to the Zoom videoconference shall be sent by separate e-mail to all persons on the accompanying service list.

ISSUED under the seal of the Commission at Santa Fe, New Mexico, this **25th** day of **November, 2025**.

**NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION**

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large 'S' and a horizontal line.

Patrick Schaefer
Hearing Examiner

² Order Granting Unopposed Emergency Motion Regarding Executive Order and Interim Provision of Water Service (Oct. 30, 2025).

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I CERTIFY that on this date I sent a true and correct copy of the *Order Setting Status Hearing*, to the following:

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