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**Case No: 25-00054; Order Setting Prehearing Conference and Response Deadlines**

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**BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION**

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

**ORDER SETTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE AND RESPONSE DEADLINES**

**THIS MATTER** comes before Patrick Schaefer, Hearing Examiner for the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (“Commission”), upon the above-captioned matter involving Melody Ranch Water Company, LL.C., (“Melody Ranch”) and the Commission’s Order Appointing Hearing Examiner and Order to Show Cause (“Order to Show Cause”), issued on August 21, 2025. Being duly informed, the Hearing Examiner **FINDS** and **CONCLUDES** that:

1. The Order to Show Cause finds that it is necessary to  
  
appoint a hearing examiner to preside over the proceedings to resolve any issues of material fact that have arisen and may arise in relation to Melody Ranch’s water system breakdown and water service interruption, to evaluate and assess any filings related to this Show Cause Order, and to resolve any other issues in furtherance of the public interest.<sup>1</sup>
2. The Order to Show Cause requires Melody Ranch to answer a set of inquiries relating to the ongoing water system breakdown and disruption of service, and relating to its compliance with New Mexico law.
3. The Order to Show Cause requires the Hearing Examiner to determine the dates by which Melody Ranch must respond to the Order, and by which Commission Staff (“Staff”) must reply to that response.

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<sup>1</sup> Commission’s Order Appointing Hearing Examiner and Order to Show Cause (“Order to Show Cause”), at p. 6.

4. Rule 1.2.2.29(C)(6) of the New Mexico Administrative Codes (“NMAC”) states that hearing examiners are empowered “to order parties and staff to hold appropriate conferences before or during the public hearing or investigation.”

It is therefore **ORDERED** that:

A. A prehearing conference will be held beginning at 3 p.m. on August 28, 2025. The prehearing 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.

B. The parties should be prepared to discuss dates for evidentiary hearings pursuant to this investigation.

C. Melody Ranch shall file its answers to the inquiries stated in Paragraph C of the Order to Show Cause by September 3, 2025. Staff shall file its reply by September 12, 2025.

**ISSUED** under the seal of the Commission at Santa Fe, New Mexico, this **22nd** day of **August, 2025**.



**NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION**

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Patrick Schaefer  
Hearing Examiner

**BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION**

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

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

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**DATED** this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August 2025.

**NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION**

  
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 Patrick Schaefer, Hearing Examiner