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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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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 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. A prehearing conference was held on August 28, 2025, to discuss the purpose, nature, and goals of the proceedings initiated by the Commission’s Order to Show Cause (“Order”). The conference included representatives from Melody Ranch Water Company and Commission Staff.
2. At that hearing, the Hearing Examiner informed the parties that the proceeding, intended to facilitate prompt, effective, and practical restoration of water service, would establish weekly hearings to provide the public and the Commission with updates regarding the status of Melody Ranch Water Company’s water quality and service, its independent or joint efforts to restore full service, the inclusion and notice of other necessary parties, and other relevant matters.
3. Melody Ranch Water Company was also reminded at this hearing of the Commission’s Order requiring it to find legal counsel for purposes of representation in this proceeding. It was given until September 2, 2025 to provide an update. On that day, Melody Ranch informed the Commission that it had still not acquired legal counsel.

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 status hearing will be held beginning at 10 a.m. on September 8, 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.

B. Meldoy Ranch Water Company and Staff shall provide updates on the status of the water service, its quality and quantity, efforts to restore service, in the immediate and in the long term, inclusion of necessary parties, and other relevant matters. Melody Ranch Water Company shall also provide details regarding its efforts to acquire legal counsel pursuant to the Commission’s Order.

ISSUED under the seal of the Commission at Santa Fe, New Mexico, this 4th day of **September, 2025.**



NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION

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Patrick Schaefer
Hearing Examiner

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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 Hering* to the following:

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DATED this 4th of September 2025.

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