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Good morning,

Attached is ***Interim Status Report*** for Case No. 25-00054-UT, electronically filed today.

Thank you,

Elizabeth Ramirez
Paralegal

BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF MELODY RANCH)
WATER COMPANY LLC’S WATER SYSTEM)
BREAKDOWN AND DISRUPTION OF SERVICE)

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Docket No. 25-00054-UT

INTERIM STATUS REPORT

The Utility Division Staff (“Staff”) of the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (the “Commission”) provides this interim status report in the interest of providing, at the earliest opportunity, all available and relevant data responsive to the December 9, 2025, Order Setting Status Conference Schedule and Report Deadlines. Staff respectfully submits the following:

(1) The hearing examiner’s December 9, 2025, order directed Staff to file a report providing the historical averages of water usage at Melody Ranch for October and November, the actual water usage for October and November 2025, and an estimated timeline of how long the emergency funds provided by the state will last, taking into account both past and current monthly usage rates.

(2) Although Staff requested – and the hearing examiner granted – an extension of time until next Friday, December 19, 2025, to respond in full to the December 9, 2025, order,¹ Staff is able today to provide a partial response. The following data has been obtained from Melody Ranch by Staff on various occasions, as identified in the accompanying footnotes.

(3) The following is the actual monthly water usage at Melody Ranch over the past six years:²

Year	October Usage (in gallons)	November Usage (in gallons)
2020	385,168	279,092

¹ See Docket No. 25-00054-UT, Motion for Extension of Deadline for Staff Response (Dec. 11, 2025), and Order Granting Extension (Dec. 11, 2025).

² This data was provided by Melody Ranch to Staff in an email dated December 11, 2025.

2021	269,560	302,303
2022	269,011	321,606
2023	337,662	282,955
2024	431,478	281,040
2025	184,810	243,040

(4) Based on the above numbers,³ Melody Ranch’s five-year historical average water usage (between 2020 and 2024) for the month of October is 338,576 gallons. The same average for the month of November is 293,399 gallons.

(5) The following is Melody Ranch’s total annual water sales (in gallons), according to its annual reports:⁴

Year	Annual Sales (in gallons)
2020	4,580,082
2021	4,073,975
2022	4,122,695
2023	4,056,521
2024	3,807,180

³ In its December 11, 2025 motion, Staff stated, “Melody Ranch previously disclosed to Staff its monthly usage totals between October 2024 and February 2025.” However, this data is not contained in this status report because, in providing the October and November usage data outlined above, Melody Ranch explained that it had just become aware that these previous figures may have been inaccurate in that they represented well production rather than actual water usage.

⁴ Available online at <https://www.prc.nm.gov/consumer-relations/company-directory/water-companies/melody-ranch-water-company/> (last accessed 12/11/2025).

(6) Melody Ranch estimates that its well pump produces water at a rate of 4.7 gallons per minute, or 202,000 gallons per month.⁵

(7) The water tankers currently serving Melody Ranch (paid for by the state) have a volume of 4,000 gallons each at a cost of approximately \$265.⁶

(8) In a previous email estimating the cost of water hauling, Melody Ranch estimated that it would require deliveries of approximately 100,000 to 150,000 gallons per month to provide full, uninterrupted service to customers. Based on the cost for each water tanker, this would cost approximately \$6,625 to \$9,937.50 per month.

(9) The final item requested by the hearing examiner's December 9, 2025, order was an estimated timeline of how long the emergency funds provided by the state will last. A meaningful and reliable estimate, however, will require more than the October and November usage data previously outlined. Specifically, Staff has determined that it will need to obtain the past 36 months of actual water usage at Melody Ranch in order to be confident in its estimate.⁷

(10) Lastly, in the interest of full disclosure, the Commission should be aware that, on or about Tuesday, December 9, 2025, Staff was notified that several Melody Ranch customers were experiencing low water pressure. Melody Ranch thereafter determined that a water pump was in need of repair. It is reported that the pump was successfully repaired and reinstalled on Thursday, December 11, 2025, and full pressure was restored to all customers on that date.

⁵ The source of this information is an email from Melody Ranch to Staff dated October 13, 2025.

⁶ See *supra* footnote 5.

⁷ Staff has already requested this data from Melody Ranch and anticipates that it should be available in advance of the December 19, 2025, deadline.

Dated this 12th day of December, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

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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)

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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

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DATED December 12, 2025

NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION

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