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Attached is the **Supplemental Status Report** in Case No. 25-00054-UT, electronically filed today.

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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

SUPPLEMENTAL STATUS REPORT

The Utility Division Staff (“Staff”) of the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (the “Commission”) provides this supplemental status report in response 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) On December 12, 2025, Staff filed a partial response to the aforementioned order of the hearing examiner, providing all but the estimated timeline of how long the emergency funds provided by the state will last. Since that time, Staff has obtained the data from Melody Ranch necessary to provide an estimate.¹ Staff has also obtained additional information from its state agency partners as to the current status of the state’s funds.²
- (3) Based on past and current monthly usage rates, as well as the cost to haul water and Melody Ranch’s current well production, Staff estimates that the remaining state funds should be sufficient

¹ Melody Ranch provided this necessary historical usage data through email on December 15, 2025.

² This information was provided by the Office of the Governor in an email dated December 16, 2025.

for well over another year of water hauling. This assumes, however, that there is no further interruption of the water produced by Melody Ranch's existing well. This estimate is also subject to other potential variables, most notably the water conservation practices of Melody Ranch customers. Staff's calculations towards this estimate are shown on the spreadsheet attached as Exhibit A.³

(4) In addition to these calculations, Staff has also obtained additional information from its state agency partners as to the status of the state's funds. Of the \$250,000 made available to assist Melody Ranch, the state has expended approximately \$20,047.91. The highest cost week to date was \$3404.36 (the week of December 1). At this rate, Staff has been informed that the state could fund approximately 67 additional weeks (after December 12, 2025) of water hauling. This estimate, however, again is subject to other variables.

(5) To recap the discussion at the status conference on December 16, 2025, the water hauling regime remains fully operational, and it appears that water is being provided to Melody Ranch customers without interruption at this time.

Dated this 18th day of December, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

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³ The Microsoft Excel version of this spreadsheet will be distributed to the service list.

Month	Average usage per month over 3 years(2022-2024) (gal)	Water Tankers needed to serve each month based on historical average usage over 2022-2024	Cost for each tanker (4000 gal)	Total cost for water hauling based on historical average usage and subtracting monthly well production volumes at 4.7 gal/min with no interruption		
				Total cost for water hauling to serve customers based on historical average (no well production)		
January	289,452	72	265	\$	19,176	\$ 5,725
February	260,243	65	265	\$	17,241	\$ 3,790
March	268,962	67	265	\$	17,819	\$ 4,367
April	379,390	95	265	\$	25,135	\$ 11,683
May	395,681	99	265	\$	26,214	\$ 12,762
June	369,434	92	265	\$	24,475	\$ 11,024
July	400,929	100	265	\$	26,562	\$ 13,110
August	373,619	93	265	\$	24,752	\$ 11,301
September	325,183	81	265	\$	21,543	\$ 8,092
October	346,050	87	265	\$	22,926	\$ 9,474
November	295,200	74	265	\$	19,557	\$ 6,106
December	291,322	73	265	\$	19,300	\$ 5,849
Total				\$	264,700	\$ 103,283

Average usage over 3 years includes actual monthly water usage at Melody Ranch for those years (See page 2)

Table does not account for administrative costs associated with water hauling that could exist

Month	Usage(2022)	Usage (2023)	Usage (2024)	Usage (2025) (Water outage	Calculated well monthly
				began in May 2025)	water production with no interruption at 4.7 gal/min
January	318,270	276,246	273,840	280,030	203,040
February	260,899	295,810	224,020	265,270	203,040
March	326,751	272,945	207,190	301,020	203,040
April	541,678	320,842	275,650	300,810	203,040
May*	360,718	392,244	434,080	286,420	203,040
June*	422,000	319,202	367,100	290,940	203,040
July*	341,009	458,368	403,410	201,600	203,040
August*	295,289	485,377	340,190	155,340	203,040
September*	340,787	325,830	308,932	183,920	203,040
October*	269,011	337,662	431,478	184,810	203,040
November*	321,606	282,955	281,040	243,040	203,040
December*	324,677	289,040	260,250	0	203,040

December 2025 value is not yet known or measured

* = Months with interruption of service in 2025

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

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DATED December 18, 2025

NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION

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