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Attached is Staff's Fourth Status Report Pursuant to the Commission's September 8, 2025, Order Setting Prehearing Conference and Related Duties 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	)	Case No. 25-00054-UT
BREAKDOWN AND DISRUPTION OF SERVICE	)	
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**STAFF’S FOURTH STATUS REPORT PURSUANT TO THE COMMISSION’S
SEPTEMBER 8, 2025, ORDER SETTING PREHEARING
CONFERENCE AND RELATED DUTIES**

The Utility Division Staff (“Staff”) of the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (“Commission”, “NMPRC” or “PRC”) hereby submits Staff’s Fourth Status Report Pursuant to the Commission’s September 8, 2025, Order Setting Prehearing Conference and Related Duties, and would show the Commission as follows:

The September 8, 2025, Order specified in pertinent part that:

Staff shall file with the Commission a weekly report on the Thursday following each status conference providing updates on the current status of water service, the outlook for its restoration, developments with potential partners to restore service, and any other matters they believe to be of importance to this proceeding.

See September 8, 2025, Order at page 2, decretal paragraph D.

Current Status of Water Service

The water service remains below acceptable performance standards. The sole well used to provide water to the system continues to produce at diminished capacity – currently at approximately 4 to 5 gallons per minute versus the levels enjoyed historically. Service to the tap remains pressure-deficient and time-limited in availability to allow for the storage tank to attain and retain appropriate levels. During the period September 28th through October 4th one resident reports the following water system performance stats:

Sun Sept 28 th	Water from 5pm - 9pm
Mon Sept 29 th	Water from 5pm - 9pm
Tues Sept 30 th	Water from 10am-3pm
Wed Oct 1 st	Water from 9am-11am & 6pm - 9pm
Thu Oct 2 nd	No Water
Fri Oct 3 rd	Water from 5pm - 9pm
Sat Oct 4 th	Water from 1pm - 6pm

This comes to a total of 27 hours of water availability during the specified time-period.

The Outlook for Restoration of Water Service

EMWT Regional Water Association continues with its engineering due diligence review of the Melody Ranch system along with its effort, in conjunction with NMED subject matter experts, to address the economic (funding) component via the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (“DWSRF”) pre-application process. Melody Ranch continues its facilitation of this process via the provision of documents and information that will inform EMWT’s analysis and due diligence. Staff continues to monitor these efforts and stands ready to assist as needed in the realization of the shared goal of water service restoration.

Developments with Potential Partners to Restore Service

Simultaneous to the matters touched on above, Staff is communicating with other potential partners to try and determine and structure how water service as it currently exists might be enhanced in the interim. Discussions continue to be pursued with attention to the means of prospectively funding and technically/legally achieving enhancement of water service during the

interim period leading up to the ultimate restoration of water service. Staff will continue to pursue this line of inquiry and collaboration towards structuring and accommodating a better level of water service during this interim period.

Conclusion (for the Moment)

Efforts and evaluations regarding the economic and technical requirements of what is contemplated towards the ultimate restoration of water service remain underway. Staff remains in the loop and will otherwise continue to inquire of and interact with Melody Ranch, EMWT, and NMED towards supporting and realizing these objectives. Staff continues its pursuit of possible paths towards enhancing water service in the interim.

Dated this 9th day of October 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

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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 **Staff's Fourth Status Report Pursuant to the Commission's September 8, 2025, Order Setting Prehearing Conference and Related Duties**, to the following:

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