

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 8-K
CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) November 6, 2014

AMERICAN STATES WATER COMPANY
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

California
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

001-14431
(Commission File Number)

95-4676679
(I.R.S. Employer Identification
No.)

630 East Foothill Blvd.
San Dimas, California
(Address of principal executive
offices)

91773
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (909) 394-3600

GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

California
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

001-12008
(Commission File Number)

95-1243678
(I.R.S. Employer Identification
No.)

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 8.01. Other Events

San Dimas, California, November 18, 2014.... American States Water Company (NYSE:AWR) announced that the California Public Utilities Commission (“CPUC”) recently issued a final decision adopting the settlement agreement between Golden State Water Company (“GSWC”), a subsidiary of AWR, and all the parties involved in the general rate case for GSWC’s electric division, Bear Valley Electric Service (“BVES”), on the revenue requirement in the case. The final decision sets new rates for the years 2013–2016 providing for modest increases in customer rates. While the new rates are retroactive to January 1, 2013, they are not expected to materially impact GSWC’s 2014 – 2016 earnings.

A copy of the Company’s press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

This Form 8-K and the attached exhibit are furnished to, but not filed with, the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Section 9 – Financial Statement and Exhibits

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release: American States Water Company Announces Approval by the CPUC of New Rates at GSWC’s Bear Valley Electric Service Division

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

AMERICAN STATES WATER COMPANY

Date: November 18, 2014

/s /Eva G. Tang

Eva G. Tang

Senior Vice President-Finance, Chief Financial
Officer, Corporate Secretary and Treasurer

GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY

Date: November 18, 2014

/s /Eva G. Tang

Eva G. Tang

Senior Vice President-Finance, Chief Financial
Officer and Secretary

American States Water Company Announces Approval by the CPUC of New Rates at GSWC's Bear Valley Electric Service Division

SAN DIMAS, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--November 18, 2014--American States Water Company (NYSE:AWR) announced that the California Public Utilities Commission ("CPUC") recently issued a final decision adopting the settlement agreement between Golden State Water Company ("GSWC"), a subsidiary of AWR, and all the parties involved in the general rate case for GSWC's electric division, Bear Valley Electric Service ("BVES"), on the revenue requirement in the case. The final decision sets new rates for the years 2013–2016 providing for modest increases in customer rates. While the new rates are retroactive to January 1, 2013, they are not expected to materially impact GSWC's 2014 – 2016 earnings.

Among other things, the settlement agreement authorizes a return on equity of 9.95% with a corresponding return on rate base of 8.60%, and approves \$11 million of capital projects for 2013 – 2016. The final decision also authorized approximately \$8.5 million of additional capital projects to be filed for revenue recovery with advice letters when those projects are completed.

BVES provides electric services to approximately 24,000 customers in the City of Big Bear Lake and surrounding areas in San Bernardino County. Commenting on the final decision, Robert J. Sprowls, President and Chief Executive Officer, stated, "The CPUC's approval of our electric rate case will allow us to continue to serve our customers the best way possible by investing in infrastructure that provides important upgrades and programs to strengthen safety and reliability, while keeping customer rates relatively unchanged. As we have stated before, a fair and equitable regulatory process is good for customers and shareholders alike."

Certain matters discussed in this news release with regard to the Company's expectations may be forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. The assumptions and risk factors that could cause actual results to differ materially, include those described in the Company's Form 10-Q and Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

American States Water Company is the parent of Golden State Water Company and American States Utility Services, Inc. Through its utility subsidiary, Golden State Water Company, AWR provides water service to approximately 257,000 customers located within 75 communities throughout 10 counties in Northern, Coastal and Southern California. The Company also distributes electricity to approximately 24,000 customers in the City of Big Bear and surrounding areas in San Bernardino County, California. Through its contracted services subsidiary, American States Utility Services, Inc., the Company provides operations, maintenance and construction management services for water and wastewater systems located on military bases throughout the country through 50-year privatization contracts with the U.S. government.

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