# 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 10, 2016

## 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.)

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

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

#### **Other Events**

#### Item 8.01. Other Events

American States Water Company (NYSE:AWR) announced that on November 10, 2016, the presiding administrative law judge issued a proposed decision ("PD") in the general rate case of AWR's regulated subsidiary, Golden State Water Company ("GSWC"). In 2014, GSWC had filed a general rate case for all of its water regions and the general office to determine new rates for the years 2016-2018. The PD and its respective attachments can be found on the California Public Utilities Commission ("CPUC") website at www.cpuc.ca.gov. GSWC is in the process of reviewing the PD and will be providing written comments to the CPUC by the end of November. Oral arguments are then expected to take place in early December. A final CPUC decision on this rate case is expected in December of 2016 or the first quarter of 2017. When finalized, new rates will be retroactive to January 1, 2016.

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

#### **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.

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