

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

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

Item 8.01. Other Events

San Dimas, California, October 20, 2009.... American States Water Company (NYSE:AWR) announced that on October 15, 2009, the California Public Utilities Commission issued a final decision adopting the settlement agreement between the Division of Ratepayer Advocates and Golden State Water Company, a subsidiary of AWR. The decision approves a settlement agreement in the application of GSWC for a general rate increase in its Bear Valley Electric Service division.

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 Increase in 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: October 20, 2009 /s/ Eva G. Tang
Eva G. Tang
Senior Vice President-Finance, Chief Financial
Officer, Corporate Secretary and Treasurer

GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY

Date: October 20, 2009 /s/ Eva G. Tang
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Senior Vice President-Finance, Chief Financial
Officer and Secretary