### ORDER

At the hearing on June 13, 2018, in Department 6 of this Court, the Honorable Elihu M. Berle considered Plaintiffs' unopposed motion for preliminary approval of the parties' agreement to settle this case, which previously had been certified as a class action, and the supplemental briefs filed by the parties in support of such motion. Holly O. Whatley appeared for Defendant City of Pasadena. No appearance was made for Plaintiffs, having been excused by the Court from attendance at a prior hearing. Having considered the papers and arguments of counsel, and good cause appearing therefor,

# IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

- 1. The settlement agreement attached to the parties' Joint Supplemental Brief in support of Preliminary Approval of Settlement is preliminarily approved, subject to the Court's consideration of any objections that may hereafter be received from members of the Class. All publicly posted staff reports and other public notices regarding legislation to change water rates as proposed in the Settlement Agreement shall disclose the subject litigation and the proposed settlement.
- 2. The Settlement Class shall be all persons who currently are or formerly were property owners and tenants whose owned or rented real property is located outside the boundary of the territory incorporated as the City of Pasadena, whose owned or rented real property receives water service from the City of Pasadena, who are subject to the water rates applicable to customers outside the City's incorporated territory, and who have paid said rates and charges at any time since March 24, 2013.
- 3. The forms of mailed and published notice attached to the parties' Notice of Lodging of Updated Notices filed May 30, 2018 are approved.
- 4. KCC, LLC is approved as the administrator to oversee the notice program, record and retain any opt-outs or objections, and produce a final report for this Court.
- 5. The Court finds that the parties' plan for providing notice to the Settlement Class constitutes the best notice practicable under the circumstances and shall constitute due and sufficient notice to Class Members of the pendency of this action, the terms of the Settlement Agreement, and the Fairness Hearing, and complies fully with the requirements of the California Rules of Court, the

California Code of Civil Procedure, the Constitution of the State of California, and any other applicable law.

- 6. No later than July 11, 2018, the City shall cause notice of the settlement to be given to the Settlement Class via U.S. mail from the Settlement Administrator to the City's current customers who are Class Members, and its former customers who are Class Members, at their last known address. Notice shall also be published in the Pasadena Star News, at least 1/8 page black-and-white, to run at least once a week for three consecutive weeks.
- 7. Objections to the Settlement and Requests for Exclusion from the Settlement shall be made pursuant to the terms outlined in the approved forms of notice.
- 8. Any member of the Settlement Class who elects to be excluded shall not be bound by the release of any claims pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, and shall not be entitled to object to the Settlement Agreement or appear at the Fairness Hearing.
- 9. Any Class Member who does not make an objection in the time and manner provided in the Settlement Agreement shall be deemed to have waived such objection and forever shall be foreclosed from making any objection to the fairness or adequacy of notice, the payment of attorneys' fees and costs, and/or the Final Order and Judgment. A Class Member need not appear, in person or by counsel, at the Fairness Hearing in order for his, her or its written objection to be considered.
- 10. With the exception of such proceedings as are necessary to implement, effectuate and grant final approval to the terms of the Settlement Agreement, all proceedings in this action are stayed and all Class Members are enjoined from commencing or continuing any action or proceeding in any court or tribunal asserting any claims encompassed by the Settlement Agreement, unless the Class Member timely files a valid request to opt out of the Settlement Class as defined in the Settlement Agreement.
- 11. The parties may further modify the Settlement Agreement prior to the Final Settlement Hearing so long as such modifications do not materially change the terms of the settlement provided therein. The Court may approve the Settlement Agreement with such modifications as may be agreed to by the parties, if appropriate, without further notice to Class Members.

	12. Plaintiffs shall file their motion for final approval of the settlement and motion for			
approval of attorney fees and costs by August 14, 2018.				
	13. The hearing on Plaintiffs' motion for final approval is set for October 11, 2018 at 11	1:00		
	a.m. The deadline for responses to objections and the Administrator's Report is September 27,			
	2018.			
	14. The Court may, for good cause, extend any of the deadlines set forth in this Order			
	without further notice to Class Members. The Final Settlement Hearing may, without further not	ice		
	to the Settlement Class, be continued by order of the Court.			
	IT IS SO ORDERED.			
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	DATED: By:			
	Hon. Elihu M. Berle Judge of the Superior Court			
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