



**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, February 6, 2008.... American States Water Company (NYSE:AWR) announced that it expects higher operating expenses and lower water sales for the fourth quarter 2007. The Company also announced that the California Public Utilities Commission approved rate increases in the water customer service areas of its Golden State Water Company subsidiary. The new rates were effective January 1, 2008.

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

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**Section 9 – Financial Statement and Exhibits**

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

**Exhibit    Description**  
**No.**

99.1        Press Release: American States Water Company Announces Higher Operating Expenses and Lower Sales for the Fourth Quarter of 2007 and Approval by CPUC of 2008 Rate Increases

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**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: February 6, 2008 /s/ Robert J. Sprowls  
Robert J. Sprowls  
Executive Vice President, Chief Financial  
Officer, Corporate Secretary and Treasurer