# PUBLIC NOTICE OF TELEPHONIC PUBLIC COMMENT PROCEEDING ON ARIZONA WATER COMPANY'S WESTERN GROUP RATE CASE AND ARIZONA WATER COMPANY'S REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF CERTAIN RECORD-KEEPING METHODS RELATED TO COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE INCREASE IN WATER RATES DUES TO AJO IMPROVEMENT COMPANY'S RATE CASE (DOCKET NOS. W-01445A-18-0400 AND W-01445A-19-0278)

#### **Summary**

On December 13, 2019, in Docket No. W-01445A-19-0278, Arizona Water Company ("AWC" or "Company") filed with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") an application requesting adjustments to its rates and charges for its three Western Group water service areas - Pinal Valley (Casa Grande, Coolidge, and Stanfield), White Tank, and Ajo.

Docket No. W-01445A-18-0400, an application for Commission authorization for certain record-keeping methods related to costs associated with the increase in water rates due to Ajo Improvement Company's rate case, has been consolidated with AWC's Western Group rate case.

THE COMMISSION IS NOT BOUND BY THE PROPOSALS OF AWC, STAFF, OR ANY INTERVENORS. THE COMMISSION WILL DETERMINE THE APPROPRIATE RELIEF TO BE GRANTED IN RESPONSE TO AWC'S APPLICATION BASED ON THE EVIDENCE PRESENTED IN THIS MATTER. THE FINAL RATES APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION MAY BE HIGHER, LOWER, OR DIFFERENT THAN THE RATES PROPOSED BY AWC OR BY OTHER PARTIES.

## How You Can View or Obtain a Copy of the Application

Copies of the Application are available from Arizona Water Company at 3805 N. Black Canyon highway, Phoenix, AZ 85015; at the Commission's Docket Control Center at 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona, during regular business hours; and on the Commission website (<a href="www.azcc.gov">www.azcc.gov</a>) using the e-Docket function.

# **Arizona Corporation Commission Public Hearing Information**

The Commission will hold a hearing on this matter beginning **October 15, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.**, at the Commission's offices, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona. Given restrictions necessitated by the ongoing pandemic, this hearing will be held virtually and will be available for public viewing on the Commission's website (<a href="www.azcc.gov">www.azcc.gov</a>) using the "Live" link to Public Meetings and Events.

### **Public Comment Opportunities**

In addition to the Public Comment Proceeding to be held on September 8, 2020 at 10:00 a.m., public comment will also be heard on the first day of the hearing. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, <u>public comment</u> will be conducted <u>telephonically</u>, and <u>members of the public will not be admitted into the Commission's building to provide public comment.</u>

To provide telephonic public comment, speakers must call 1-866-705-2554 and enter passcode 241497#.

The Commission encourages commenters to use landline telephones to call in to the Telephonic Public Comment Proceeding, as mobile telephones do not consistently provide adequate audio quality to permit the verbatim transcription of telephonic speech.

The Commission may impose a three-minute time limit per speaker, to ensure that everyone who desires to speak has an opportunity to do so. That time limit may be extended by the presiding Administrative Law Judge.

Written public comments may be submitted by mailing a letter referencing **Docket Nos. W-01445A-18-0400 and W-01445A-19-0278** to Arizona Corporation Commission, Consumer Services Section, 1200 West Washington, Phoenix, AZ 85007, or by submitting comments on the Commission's website (www.azcc.gov) using "Cases and Open Meetings" and "Make a Public Comment in a Docket." If you require assistance, you may contact the Consumer Services Section at 602-542-4251 or 1-800-222-7000.

# **Streaming of Commission Proceedings**

All Commission proceedings in this matter may be viewed through live streaming by visiting www.azcc.gov/live and clicking the link to the proceeding. Archives of completed proceedings are also available, generally within 24 hours after the proceeding ends.

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