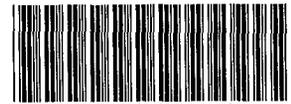


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10 ADJUSTMENTS IN ITS WATER AND
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12 On May 28, 2003, Ajo Improvement Company ("Company") filed a rate application. On
13 September 16, 2003, Arizona Water Company ("Arizona Water") was granted intervention in the
14 case. On March 18, 2004, Staff was contacted by Dan Neidlinger, a consultant for the Company.
15 Mr. Neidlinger requested settlement discussions with Staff. The initial participants in the settlement
16 process will be Staff, the Company and Arizona Water. The Company is represented by Michael
17 Patten and Arizona Water is represented by Robert W. Geake. Any discussion of a settlement in this
18 case will begin subsequent to March 23, 2004.

19 **RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED** this 18th day of March 2004.

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