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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION )  
OF RIO VERDE UTILITIES, INC. FOR AN )  
INCREASE IN ITS WATER AND )  
WASTEWATER RATES FOR CUSTOMERS )  
WITHIN MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA. )

DOCKET NO. WS-02156A-00-0321

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION )  
OF RIO VERDE UTILITIES, INC. FOR )  
AUTHORITY TO ISSUE PROMISSORY )  
NOTE(S) AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF )  
INDEBTEDNESS PAYABLE AT PERIODS )  
OF MORE THAN TWELVE MONTHS AFTER )  
THE DATE OF ISSUANCE. )

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RUCO'S APPLICATION TO INTERVENE

I.

The RESIDENTIAL UTILITY CONSUMER OFFICE ("RUCO") hereby applies to the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") for an Order granting it leave to intervene in the above-captioned proceeding.

II.

RUCO was established by the enactment of Arizona Revised Statutes, Section 40-461, et seq., for the purpose of representing residential utility consumers in matters before the Commission concerning regulated public service corporations.

1 III.

2 Arizona Revised Statutes, Section 40-464.A.2., specifically provides that the Director of  
3 RUCO may do the following:

4 Prepare and present briefs, arguments, proposed rates or orders  
5 and intervene or appear on behalf of residential utility consumers  
6 before hearing officers and the Corporation Commission as a party  
7 in interest and also participate as a party in interest pursuant to  
8 Section 40-254 in proceedings relating to rate making or rate  
9 design and involving public service corporations.

10 IV.

11 The residential utility consumers of Rio Verde Utilities, Inc., will be directly and  
12 substantially affected by a Decision or Order of the Commission in this matter, therefore, it is  
13 necessary and proper that RUCO intervene in the proceeding.

14 V.

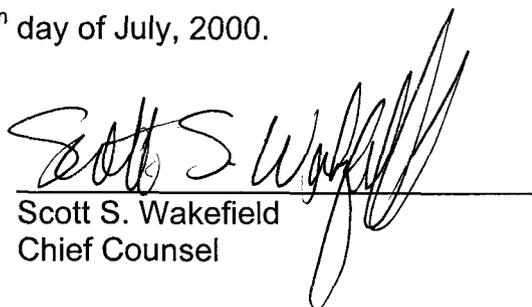
15 In order to fulfill its statutory obligation to protect the residential utility consumers of this  
16 State, RUCO must thoroughly examine the materials presented by the Company, and must  
17 cross-examine witnesses appearing on behalf of the Company and any other parties.  
18 Additionally, RUCO may present testimony and exhibits of its own in any hearings conducted  
19 by the Commission in this matter.

20 VI.

21 The name, mailing address, and telephone number of the person upon whom service of  
22 all documents is to be made is,  
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6 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2000.

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11 of the foregoing filed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of  
12 July, 2000 with:

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