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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION) DOCKET NO. W-01445A-04-0650
OF ARIZONA WATER COMPANY, AN)
ARIZONA CORPORATION, FOR) **REQUEST FOR**
ADJUSTMENTS TO ITS RATES AND) **REINSTATEMENT OF**
CHARGES FOR UTILITY SERVICE) **ORIGINAL PRE-HEARING**
FURNISHED BY ITS WESTERN GROUP) **CONFERENCE AND ONE DAY**
AND FOR CERTAIN RELATED) **CONTINUATION OF HEARING**
APPROVALS) **DATE**
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The City of Casa Grande (the "City") was granted intervention in this matter on April 1, 2005, and is a party in this proceeding. The City was contacted by counsel for Arizona Water Company on Friday, June 3, 2005 regarding an extension for rejoinder testimony. In response to that inquiry, the City conveyed its willingness to agree to extend the rejoinder testimony due date by two days.

Unfortunately, the City was not aware that a procedural conference was to be held on June 6, 2005, or that any party had proposed that key dates in this case be rescheduled. The procedural order issued on June 6, 2005, following the procedural conference,

vacates the pre-hearing conference set for June 10th and continues the hearing from June 16th to June 17th. Because the expert retained by the City will be traveling to Phoenix from out of town, the City opposes beginning the hearing on Friday, June 17th, only to recess until Monday June 20, 2005. The City hereby requests that the hearing begin on Monday, June 20, 2005, rather than Friday, June 17, 2005.

The status of substantive settlement discussions in this case also warrants this short extension of the hearing date. The parties are engaged in settlement negotiations concerning a key issue in this case. That issue is not yet resolved, but a conceptual framework for breaking the impasse was presented by Staff to the parties on May 31, 2005. Arizona Water Company is in the process of following-up with a more concrete proposal and specific calculations. Additional time is needed to conclude the parties' work on that issue.

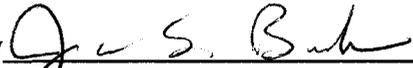
Counsel for the City and the City's expert had anticipated that scheduling issues such as this would be discussed at the pre-hearing conference scheduled for June 10, 2005, in advance of the hearing. Discussing scheduling issues well before the hearing would have allowed the City's expert to coordinate his travel schedule with the witness schedule. If the pre-hearing conference is set for June 16th, the City (and other intervenors) will have no meaningful advance notice regarding when various witnesses will take the stand.

Given the status of these settlement negotiations, and to accommodate participants traveling to Phoenix from out of town, the City proposes that the hearing begin on

June 20, 2005 at 9:30 a.m., and the original pre-hearing conference set for June 10th be reinstated.

Respectfully submitted this 7th day of June, 2005.

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