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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
VALLE VERDE WATER COMPANY FOR A)
RATE INCREASE.)

DOCKET NO. W-01431A-05-0351

STAFF'S REQUEST TO
SUSPEND THE TIME CLOCK

On May 16, 2005, Valle Verde Water Company ("Valle Verde" or "Company") filed an application to raise its rates. On June 16, 2005, the application was found sufficient. Valle Verde has not been filing its responses to Staff's data requests in a timely manner. The Company was 39 days late responding to Staff's first data request, 11 days late on Staff's second data request and did not respond completely to Staff's third data request which is 18 days late so far.

Due to the accrual of 68 late days to date, Staff respectfully requests the time clock on this case be suspended indefinitely.

Staff is preparing 2 more data requests and does not expect that the Company will respond in a timely manner based on its response time to the first three data requests. Staff is concerned that the Company has no General Ledger and suspects that there is a pervasive commingling of funds, as well.

Additionally, the Company is in violation of a previous Order to maintain its records according to the NARUC Uniform System of Accounts standards and, in fact, the recordkeeping appears to have deteriorated since the last rate case.

Due to the aforementioned conditions, Staff is forced to schedule a field visit to attempt to better comprehend some of the Company's representations and if possible assist the Company in responding to Staff's data requests.

At this time, Staff cannot predict whether a 60, 90, or even a 120 day extension will give Staff enough time to complete its review. As a result, Staff believes that it will have difficulty getting the information needed to process this application under normal time frames. Even if

1 Staff's request to suspend the time clock indefinitely is granted, Staff will continue to process the
2 application as quickly as possible and assist the Company where and when possible, in obtaining
3 the necessary information.

4 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 19th day of August 2005.

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