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10 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
11 FAR WEST WATER AND SEWER COMPANY,
12 AN ARIZONA CORPORATION, FOR A
13 DETERMINATION OF THE FAIR VALUE OF ITS
14 UTILITY PLANT AND PROPERTY AND FOR
15 INCREASES IN ITS RATES AND CHARGES FOR
16 UTILITY SERVICE BASED THEREON.

DOCKET NO. WS-03478A-05-0801

PROCEDURAL ORDER

17 **BY THE COMMISSION:**

18 On November 1, 2005, Far West Sewer Company ("Company") filed an application with the
19 Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") requesting an increase in its rates for sewer utility
20 services. The Company serves approximately 5,500 customers in the vicinity of the City of Yuma in
21 Yuma County, Arizona.

22 On December 20, 2005, a Rate Case Procedural Order was issued setting a hearing and
23 associated procedural deadlines, including publication and mailing of notice of the application and
24 hearing.

25 On January 17, 2006, an Amended Rate Case Procedural Order was issued rescheduling the
26 hearing date from July 11, 2006 to July 18, 2006, and making associated changes in procedural
27 deadlines.

28 After the Company provided notice of the application and hearing, several customers
contacted the Commission and expressed an interest in participating in Commission proceedings on
the application.

Accordingly, a public comment hearing will be scheduled to take place in Yuma to allow
customers who wish to appear and provide public comment for the record to do so without the
necessity of traveling to the Commission's Phoenix offices.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Public Comment will be taken in this proceeding to
enable customers of Far West Water and Sewer Company to provide public comment in Yuma on the

1 Company's requested increase in sewer utility rates. **The Public Comment Hearing will be held on**
2 **April 7, 2006, at 6:00 p.m., at the Best Western Innsuites Hotel, 1450 Castle Dome Avenue,**
3 **Yuma, Arizona.**

4 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that public comment will also be taken as previously scheduled
5 at the commencement of the evidentiary hearing scheduled to commence on July 18, 2006 at the
6 Commission's offices in Phoenix, Arizona.

7 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Company shall provide public notice of the April 7,
8 2006 Public Comment hearing in this matter, in the following form and style, with the heading in no
9 less than 12 point bold type and the body in no less than 10 point regular type:

10 **PUBLIC NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT HEARING ON THE**
11 **APPLICATION OF FAR WEST WATER AND SEWER COMPANY**
12 **FOR AN INCREASE IN ITS SEWER RATES**
Docket No. SW-03478A-05-0801

13 On November 1, 2005, Far West Water and Sewer Company ("Applicant") filed an
14 application with the Arizona Corporation Commission for an increase in rates for its
15 sewer utility services only. Applicant has proposed an increase in revenues of 35.2
16 percent, which, if approved, would result in an increase in rates for the average
17 residential sewer customer of 29.94 percent. The rates ultimately approved by the
18 Commission may be higher or lower than those proposed by Applicant. The
19 Commission's Utilities Division Staff and any intervenors will file their initial
20 recommendations by April 11, 2006, and may propose rates that are higher or lower
21 than the rates requested by Applicant. However, neither Applicant's proposal nor
22 other recommendations are binding on the Commission, which will make an
independent decision following an evidentiary hearing and public deliberation at an
Open Meeting. Copies of the application and proposed tariffs are available at
Applicant's offices [APPLICANT INSERT ADDRESS HERE], and at the
Commission's offices in the Docket Control Center for public inspection during
regular business hours. Alternative recommendations and proposals which may be
filed by other parties to the proceeding will also be available at those locations for
public inspection during regular business hours. All filings made in this docket will
be available on the internet via the Commission's website, www.azcc.gov, using the e-
Docket function.

23 **The Commission will hold a public comment hearing on this matter on April 7,**
24 **2006, at 6:00 p.m., at the Best Western Innsuites Hotel, 1450 Castle Dome**
25 **Avenue, Yuma, Arizona, to enable customers of Far West Water and Sewer**
26 **Company to comment regarding the sewer rate increase application. Any person**
27 **with an interest in this matter may appear at the public comment hearing and**
28 **make a statement concerning the application. Intervention is not required to**
make public comment.

The Commission will hold an evidentiary hearing on this matter as previously scheduled,
beginning at **10:00 a.m. on July 18, 2006**, at the Commission's offices, 1200 West
Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona. Public comment will also be taken on the first day
of the evidentiary hearing.

1 If you have any questions or concerns about this application or have any objections to its
2 approval, or wish to make a statement in support of it, you may write the Consumer
3 Services Section of the Commission at 1200 W. Washington St., Phoenix, AZ 85007,
4 call 1-800-222-7000, or appear at the hearing and provide comment.

5 The Commission does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission to its public
6 meetings. Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation such as a
7 sign language interpreter, as well as request this document in an alternative format, by
8 contacting Linda Hogan, ADA Coordinator, voice phone number 602/542-3931, E-mail
9 lhogan@azcc.gov. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange
10 the accommodation.

11 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Far West Water and Sewer Company shall cause the above
12 notice to be published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in its service territory, with
13 publication to be completed no later than **March 17, 2006**.

14 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Company shall file certification of publication as soon
15 as practicable, but not later than **March 30, 2006**.

16 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Ex Parte Rule (A.A.C. R14-3-113 - Unauthorized
17 Communications) applies to this proceeding and shall remain in effect until the Commission's
18 Decision in this matter is final and non-appealable.

19 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Presiding Officer may rescind, alter, amend, or waive
20 any portion of this Procedural Order either by subsequent Procedural Order or by ruling at hearing.

21 Dated this 1st day of March, 2006.

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ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

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