



BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATIC

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**RESPONSE TO CMR'S REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF THE INTERVENTION DEADLINE AND FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE**

On December 6, 2006, CMR/Casa Grande LLC ("CMR") filed a Motion to Extend the Intervention Deadline and for Leave to Intervene. Staff of the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Staff") hereby responds that it does not oppose the requested extension of deadline or intervention by CMR. Further, by procedural order of December 18, 2006, Staff was instructed to discuss the relationship of CMR to the Copper Mountain Ranch Development.

1. CMR's relationship to Copper Mountain Ranch

Staff contacted CMR and determined that CMR is the property owner of the land at the Copper Mountain Ranch development. Copper Mountain Ranch is located in the northeast corner of the territory requested by Arizona Water Company's ("AWC") request for extension of its Certificate of Convenience and Necessity ("CC & N").

2. Staff's Response to CMR's Motion for Extension of Intervention Deadline and Leave to Intervene

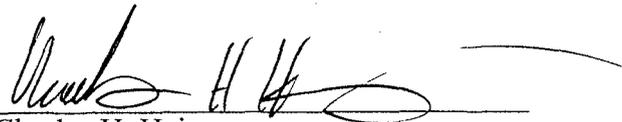
1 In the Staff Report filed October 26, 2006, Staff expressed the opinion that, in this case, only  
2 areas for which requests for service were received should be included in the CC & N extensions  
3 awarded in this case.

4 While this continues to be Staff's position, Staff also believes that the interests of a complete  
5 record discussing all aspects of a CC & N application other than requests for service may be relevant  
6 to the Commission's determination whether to grant such applications. It was on this basis that Staff  
7 recommended denial of CHI Construction Company's ("CHI") motion for exclusion from the CC &  
8 N extension though it has clearly expressed that it is not requesting service. CHI's motion to be  
9 excluded was denied by the December 18, 2006 procedural order.

10 The justification for denial of CHI's request for exclusion from the CC & N extension  
11 application support granting CMR's request for intervention. CMR presents similar issues to those  
12 forwarded by the CHI request for exclusion. With regard to determining the importance of requests  
13 for service to the CC & N application process, granting CMR's request for intervention may  
14 contribute to a fuller evidentiary record pertaining to these issues.

15 For these reasons, Staff does not oppose CMR's request for intervention.

16 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 29<sup>th</sup> day of December 2006.

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