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IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT APPLICATION  
OF PALO VERDE UTILITIES COMPANY AND  
SANTA CRUZ WATER COMPANY, FOR AN  
EXTENSION OF THEIR CERTIFICATES OF  
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY.

DOCKET NO. SW-03575A-06-0545  
DOCKET NO. W-03576A-06-0545

PROCEDURAL ORDER

BY THE COMMISSION:

On August 29, 2006, Palo Verde Utilities Company and Santa Cruz Water Company (collectively "Global Utilities" or "Applicants") filed with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") a joint application for an extension of their Certificates of Convenience and Necessity ("Certificate") in Pinal County, Arizona.

On September 29, 2006, the Commission's Utilities Division Staff ("Staff") filed a Letter of Insufficiency in this matter.

On November 9, 2006, Global Utilities filed their Response to Staff's Letter of Insufficiency.

On January 4, 2007, Global Utilities filed a Notice of filing revised legal description and maps.

On January 17, 2007, Staff issued its second Letter of Insufficiency.

On March 19, 2007, Global Utilities filed its Response to Staff's second Letter of Insufficiency.

On June 12, 2007 and July 31, 2007, Applicants filed additional information in support of their application.

On September 11, 2007, Staff filed a letter indicating that Applicants' application has met the sufficiency requirements as outlined in the Arizona Administrative Code ("A.A.C.").

Pursuant to A.A.C. R14-3-101, the Commission now issues this Procedural Order to govern the preparation and conduct of this proceeding.

1 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the **hearing** in the above-captioned matter shall  
2 commence on **December 6, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.**, or as soon thereafter as is practical, at the  
3 Commission's offices, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007.

4 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that intervention shall be in accordance with A.A.C. R14-3-105,  
5 except that all **motions to intervene** must be filed on or before **November 19, 2007**.

6 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that **objections to any motions to intervene** must be filed on  
7 or before **November 30, 2007**.

8 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Palo Verde and Santa Cruz shall provide public notice of  
9 the hearing in this matter, in the following form and style, with the heading in no less than 10 point  
10 bold type and the body in no less than 10 point regular type:

11 **PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING ON THE JOINT APPLICATIONS OF PALO**  
12 **VERDE UTILITIES COMPANY AND SANTA CRUZ WATER COMPANY**  
13 **FOR AN EXTENSION OF THEIR CERTIFICATES**  
**OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY**  
**Docket Nos. SW-03575A-06-0545 and W-03576A-06-0545**

14 On August 29, 2006, Palo Verde Utilities Company and Santa Cruz Water Company  
15 (collectively "Global Utilities" or "Applicants") filed with the Arizona Corporation  
16 Commission ("Commission") a joint application for an extension of their Certificates  
17 of Convenience and Necessity ("Certificate") in Pinal County, Arizona. The  
18 Commission's Utilities Division ("Staff") has not yet made a recommendation  
19 regarding the Applicants' application, and the Commission is not bound by the  
20 proposals made by the Applicants, Staff, or any intervenors. The Commission will  
21 issue a decision regarding the Applicants' application following consideration of  
22 testimony and evidence presented at an evidentiary hearing. Copies of the application  
23 are available at the Applicants' offices [insert address] and the Commission's offices  
24 at 1200 West Washington, Phoenix, Arizona, for public inspection during regular  
25 business hours and on the internet via the Commission website ([www.azcc.gov](http://www.azcc.gov)) using  
26 the e-docket function.

27 The Commission will hold a hearing on this matter beginning **December 6, 2007 at**  
28 **10:00 a.m.**, at the Commission's offices, 1200 West Washington, Phoenix, Arizona.  
Public comments will be taken on the first day of the hearing. Written public  
comments may be submitted via email (visit  
<http://www.azcc.gov/utility/cons/index.htm> for instructions), or by mailing a letter  
referencing Docket Number SW-03575A-06-0545 et. al., to: Arizona Corporation  
Commission, Consumer Services Section, 1200 West Washington, Phoenix, AZ  
85007.

The law provides for an open public hearing at which, under appropriate  
circumstances, interested parties may intervene. Any person or entity entitled by law

1 to intervene and having a direct and substantial interest in the matter will be permitted  
2 to intervene. If you would like to intervene, you must file a written motion to  
3 intervene with the Commission, and you must send copies of the motion to the  
4 Company or its counsel, and to all parties of record in the case. Your motion to  
5 intervene must contain the following:

- 6 1. Your name, address, and telephone number, and the name, address, and  
7 telephone number of any party upon whom documents are to be served in  
8 your place, if desired.
- 9 2. A short statement of your interest in the proceeding (e.g., a customer of  
10 the Company, a shareholder of the Company, etc.).
- 11 3. A statement certifying that a copy of your motion to intervene has been  
12 mailed to the Company or its counsel and to all parties of record in the  
13 case.

14 The granting of motions to intervene shall be governed by A.A.C. R14-3-105, except  
15 that all motions to intervene must be filed on or before **November 19, 2007**. The  
16 granting of intervention, among other things, entitles a party to present sworn evidence  
17 at hearing and to cross-examine other witnesses. However, failure to intervene will  
18 not preclude any customer from appearing at the hearing and making a statement on  
19 such customer's own behalf.

20 If you have any questions about this application, you may contact the Applicants at  
21 [insert telephone number]. If you wish to file written comments on the application  
22 or want further information on intervention you may contact the Consumer Services  
23 Section of the Commission at 1200 W. Washington St., Phoenix, AZ 85007, or call 1-  
24 800-222-7000.

25 The Commission does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission to its  
26 public meetings. Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation  
27 such as a sign language interpreter, as well as request this document in an alternative  
28 format, by contacting the ADA Coordinator Linda Hogan, E-mail [Lhogan@azcc.gov](mailto:Lhogan@azcc.gov),  
voice phone number 602/542-3931. Requests should be made as early as possible to  
allow time to arrange the accommodation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Palo Verde and Santa Cruz shall mail to each property  
owner in the requested extension areas a copy of the above notice and shall cause the above notice to  
be published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in its proposed service territory, with  
**publication and mailing** to be completed no later than **November 1, 2007**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Applicants shall file **certification of  
mailing/publication** as soon as practicable after the mailing/publication has been completed, but not  
later than **November 19, 2007**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that notice shall be deemed complete upon mailing/publication  
of same, notwithstanding the failure of an individual to read or receive the notice.

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2 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Staff shall file a **Staff Report** on or before **November 9,**  
3 **2007.**

4 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Applicants and any intervenors shall file any **objections**  
5 **to the Staff Report** on or before **November 19, 2007.**

6 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all parties must comply with Rules 31 and 38 of the Rules  
7 of the Arizona Supreme Court and A.R.S. § 40-243 with respect to practice of law and admission *pro*  
8 *hac vice.*

9 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that withdrawal of representation must be made in compliance  
10 with A.A.C. R14-3-104(E) and Rule 1.16 of the Rules of Professional Conduct (under Rule 42 of the  
11 Rules of Arizona Supreme Court). Representation before the Commission includes appearance at all  
12 hearings and procedural conferences, as well as all Open Meetings for which the matter is scheduled  
13 for discussion, unless counsel has previously been granted permission to withdraw by the  
14 Administrative Law Judge or the Commission.

15 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Ex Parte Rule (A.A.C. R14-3-113-Unauthorized  
16 Communications) applies to this proceeding as the matter is now set for public hearing.

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

19 DATED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2007.

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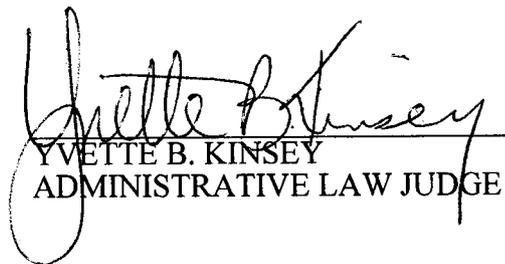
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