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November 20, 2007

The Honorable Jane L. Rodda
Administrative Law Judge
Arizona Corporation Commission
400 West Congress, Ste. 218
Tucson, AZ 85701-1347

RE: Las Quintas Serenas Water Co.
Docket Nos. W-01583A-04-0178, W-01583A-05-0326, & W-01583A-05-0340

Judge Rodda:

The Town of Sahuarita would like to issue a statement regarding Las Quintas Serenas and the proposed fire sprinkler tariff.

In the "Supplemental Direct Testimony of Kaycee Conger on Behalf of Las Serenas Water Co.", received by the Town of Sahuarita on November 13, 2007, Ms. Conger states: "LQS' current water system does not possess the capability to provide either the pressures or volumetric throughput or flow which are necessary in order for it to be able to provide hydrant flow or fire service protection to its customers."

Later, Ms. Conger does acknowledge that water service provide by Las Quintas Serenas "would be in the nature of a momentary or short-term fire suppression service, until the fire district personnel arrived."

This is exactly the point the Town of Sahuarita wishes to emphasize; the primary function of the sprinkler system is to provide *time* for people to evacuate the building. The fire sprinkler is there to save lives, period. If it helps to save the structure and contents, which in many cases it does, that is a secondary benefit. But fire sprinklers are intended to buy time so occupants can exit the structure.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

James R. Stahle
Town Manager

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