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MEMORANDUM
AZ CORP COMMISSION

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TO: THE COMMISSION **MAR 27 11 07 AM '98**

FROM: Utilities Division

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DATE: March 27, 1998

RE: IN THE MATTER OF THE COMMISSION'S OWN MOTION TO ESTABLISH THE
COMMISSION WATER TASK FORCE (DOCKET NO. W-00000C-98-0153)

Federal environmental initiatives such as the Safe Drinking Water Act have substantially increased the cost of supplying potable water to consumers. Increased costs require that the water providers and the Commission search for new efficiencies and streamlined regulatory processes in order to help keep these increased costs to a manageable level. These new efficiencies may be found in the operation of the companies themselves as well as with the state agencies which regulate such water companies.

The Commission as the regulatory body with the longest history and the primary responsibility over private water companies should take the lead in seeking a coordinated solution to the problems of small private water companies.

The attached order provides for the Commission to arrange for the formation of the Commission Water Task Force (Task Force). The Task Force will provide a forum for representatives of regulatory agencies, water providers and water consumers to address issues effecting the delivery of affordable, safe drinking water to the ratepayers of Commission regulated water companies.

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Acting Director
Utilities Division

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ORIGINATOR: Steve Olea

1 **BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION**

2 JIM IRVIN
Commissioner - Chairman
3 RENZ D. JENNINGS
Commissioner
4 CARL J. KUNASEK
Commissioner
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6 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMMISSION'S)
OWN MOTION TO ESTABLISH THE)
7 COMMISSION WATER TASK FORCE)
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DOCKET NO. W-00000C-98-0153
DECISION NO. _____
ORDER

9 Open Meeting
April 6 and 7, 1998
10 Phoenix, Arizona

11 BY THE COMMISSION:

12 FINDINGS OF FACT

- 13 1. A steady supply of potable drinking water for customers is essential.
- 14 2. Conservation of this essential resource is critical to ensuring a sustained supply in the
15 state.
- 16 3. Federal environmental initiatives in the form of the Safe Drinking Water Act have
17 substantially increased the cost of supplying potable water to consumers.
- 18 4. Increased costs require that the water providers and the Commission search for new
19 efficiencies and streamlined regulatory processes in order to help keep these increased costs to a
20 manageable level.
- 21 5. These new efficiencies may be found in the operation of the companies themselves as
22 well as with the state agencies which regulate such water companies.

23 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 24 1. The Arizona Corporation Commission (Commission) as the regulatory body with the
25 longest history and the primary responsibility over private water companies should take the lead in
26 seeking a coordinated solution to the problems of small private water companies.

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1 Force at the conclusion of its proceedings.

2 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Decision shall become effective immediately.

3 **BY ORDER OF THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION**

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COMMISSIONER - CHAIRMAN COMMISSIONER COMMISSIONER

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, JACK ROSE, Executive Secretary of the Arizona Corporation Commission, have hereunto, set my hand and caused the official seal of this Commission to be affixed at the Capitol, in the City of Phoenix, this _____ day of _____, 1998.

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JACK ROSE
Executive Secretary

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