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Subject: Groom Creek Water Users' Association (GCWUA)
Compliance Filing for Decision No. 70627

Dear Commissioners,

The Board of Directors of the Groom Creek Water Users Association ("GCWUA") appreciates the time and attention given to our financing application and the associated request to adjust rates. We understand the applications were somewhat unconventional and represent a significant cost to our members/customers. Your approval was essential for the GCWUA to proceed with critical system improvements and to ensure reliable water service to our members/customers.

The GCWUA has communicated extensively with its members/customers about the proposed improvements and the projected impacts on the cost of water. As the Commission's files reflect, the overwhelming majority of the Association's 228 customers are supportive of the improvement program and increasing water rates to fund it.

By this letter the GCWUA submits a proposed Low Income Assistance Program tariff (as required by Decision No. 70627) and proposes that its Low Income Assistance Program become effective January 1, 2009.

GCWUA's Low Income Assistance Program

Our proposed low income assistance program is based on customers' income that are at or below two times the Federal poverty level, as specified in Decision No. 70627.

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It is the intention of the GCWUA board to give every consideration to those who apply for assistance. The names and financial information of the applicants will be held in strictest confidence. Except for those board members involved in the interview or review of the applicant no one including other board members will be privy to any information.

We will be happy to discuss this program with you or answer any questions you may have.

Please contact Mr. Kal Miller, secretary, 602-725-3001 if there are any questions.

We believe the enclosed document satisfies our requirement to file a Low Income Tariff as directed in Decision No. 70627, dated November 19, 2008.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kal Miller".

Kal Miller, Secretary

TARIFF SCHEDULE

UTILITY: Groom Creek Water Users Association

TARIFF SHEET NO.: _____

DOCKET NO.: W-01865A

REPLACES SHEET NO.: n/a

DECISION NO.: _____

EFFECTIVE: January 1, 2009

LOW INCOME ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR GROOM CREEK WATER USERS ASSOCIATION

Availability:

This low income assistance program will be effective January 1, 2009, and will be available to residential customers of the Association in Groom Creek, Yavapai County, Arizona and meeting the Eligibility Criteria set forth below.

Applicability:

This tariff provides low income customers meeting the Eligibility Criteria (set forth below) at the time qualification and annual certification is sought with a discount of their monthly water bills. Customers who desire to qualify for the low income assistance rates must initially make application to the President of the Board of Directors or to another Board member appointed by the President for qualification. The applicant must provide verification to the Board that the applicant satisfies the Eligibility Criteria. Subsequent to the initial certification, the residential customer who seeks to retain eligibility for this low income pricing plan must provide in July of each year and upon any change of residence a personal certification that the Eligibility Criteria continue to be satisfied. Participants who have become eligible within 6 months prior to the month of July will not have to re-verify eligibility until the following year. Eligibility information provided by the customer on the application and personal certification is subject to verification by the Board. Refusal or failure of a customer to provide documentation of eligibility acceptable to the Association, upon request of the Board of Directors, shall result in removal from or ineligibility for this plan.

Low Income Assistance Rates:

Low income residential customers who satisfy the Eligibility Criteria will be held harmless from the rate increase to become effective January 1, 2009, and their monthly bills will be based on the following rates: \$14.00 per month base fee plus an additional \$3.00 per 1,000 gallons up to 3,000 gallons; \$3.50 per 1,000 gallons from 3,001 to 6,000 gallons; \$4.00 per 1,000 gallons from 6,001 to 10,000 gallons; and \$8.00 per 1,000 gallons over 10,000 gallons.

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Eligibility Criteria:

In order to participate in and be eligible for low income assistance pricing, the customer must have on file with the Association an approved application and annual certifications demonstrating that they meet all the following criteria:

1. The applicant's combined household gross income does not exceed two times the Federal poverty level. If there are more than four people in the household, contact the Company for qualifying information.

Two Times (200%) Current Federal Poverty Guidelines*

1 Person Household	\$ 20,800/Yr. (\$1,733/Mo.)
2 Person Household	\$ 28,000/Yr. (\$2,333/Mo.)
3 Person Household	\$35,000/Yr (\$2,933/Mo.)
4 Person Household	\$42,395/Yr (\$3,533/Mo.)

- ♦ Adjusted in July of each year for any change to the federal guidelines

Examples of items of verification that may be required to substantiate two times the poverty level are described below. Additional information may also be required if any of the following documentation fails to verify the combined household income level.

Documentation of income level by:

1. Copy of the most recent Income Tax Return Form 1040 or equivalent (must have been filed within the last 12 months)
2. Copy of Social Security Form 1099
3. Copy of W-2
4. Copy of IRS federal Form K-1
5. Copy of IRS federal Form 1120, 1120-S, 1065, 1041
6. Acceptance for Medicaid
7. Acceptance for Food Stamps

Recovery of Undercollection:

Customers who wrongfully declare eligibility or fail to notify the Board of Directors when they no longer meet the eligibility requirements may be re-billed for the period of

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ineligibility under the Association's normal rate structure in effect at the time of
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