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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PALO VERDE UTILITIES COMPANY FOR AN EXTENSION OF ITS EXISTING CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY.

Docket No. SW-03575A-06-0545

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF SANTA CRUZ WATER COMPANY FOR AN EXTENSION OF ITS EXISTING CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY.

Docket No. W-03576A-06-0545

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Global Water – Santa Cruz Water Company and Global Water – Palo Verde Utilities Company (the “Global Utilities”) respectfully request that the Commission grant an extension of time for Decision No. 70381 (June 13, 2008). Under that Decision, Global Water – Santa Cruz Water Company is required to file “copies of the Certificate of Approval to Construct for the first well, storage facility and distribution system for Phase I development in the Northwest Zone of the extension area by June 30, 2009.” The Global Utilities request that this timeframe be extended until June 30, 2010.

The Global Utilities’ certificate areas are in and around the City of Maricopa, Arizona. Arizona has experienced a significant recession. The development and home-building industries have been particularly hard-hit. This has resulted in a slow-down in the development of many properties around the state that has often impacted utilities with compliance obligations under CC&N orders. In many such cases, the utilities have requested, and received, extensions of time.

1 Likewise, in this case, the Global Utilities request an extension of time to obtain the Approvals to
2 Construct (“ATC”) for the Phase I Northwest Zone potable water facilities.

3 Development in the Maricopa region has been significantly impacted by the recent
4 economic crisis. For this reason, the Northwest Zone has not developed as quickly as expected.
5 The slow-down in development has impacted the process of obtaining the ATCs. Obtaining ATCs
6 requires detailed, near-final engineering plans – and those plans are expensive. In addition, there
7 are filing fees for requesting an ATC. These financial factors played a large part in this request for
8 an extension of time regarding the ATC.

9 The Global Utilities filed for rate relief in February 2009. In addition to seeking rate relief,
10 the Global Utilities have taken active steps to reduce expenses, such as sharply reducing capital
11 expenditures, eliminating bonuses, substantial and painful lay-offs, renegotiating leases, and
12 forming an economies and efficiencies task force.¹ In addition, the Commission Staff has
13 encouraged the Global Utilities and their parent companies to take steps to improve their financial
14 condition. In light of these factors, and the ongoing economic crisis, it is not prudent at this to
15 spend the money to obtain the ATCs. Although Global is attempting to preserve financial
16 resources at this time, it does have the funds to obtain the ATC, and to construct the facilities, once
17 they are needed.

18 Another factor is limited resources at ADEQ. Presently, ADEQ, like other state agencies,
19 is facing resource shortages and reducing staffing levels. Given ADEQ’s high workload and
20 limited resources, it is not in the public interest to submit ATC applications until they are truly
21 needed.

22 In addition, the Global Utilities have substantial existing facilities in the nearby Southwest
23 Service Area.² This includes the Terrazo Water Distribution Center, the Amarillo Creek well and
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26 ¹ See Direct Testimony of Trevor T. Hill, Docket No. SW-20445A-09-0077 at pages 16-18.

27 ² A summary of the current potable water facilities in the North and Southwest Zones is attached
as Exhibit 1.

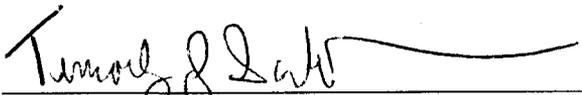
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1 2,500,000 gallons of storage. As shown on Exhibit A-11 admitted at the hearing³, the Southwest
2 Zone will be interconnected with the Northwest Zone, and properties in the Northwest Zone can be
3 served from the Southwest Zone until there are enough customers to justify building separate
4 facilities in the Northwest Zone.

5 An extension of time in obtaining the ATCs is prudent in light of the current economic
6 crisis, the costs of obtaining the ATCs, Global's prudent efforts to reduce expenses, and ADEQ's
7 current resource constraints, as well as the availability of nearby facilities in the Southwest Zone.
8 No regulatory policy is served by requiring the Global Utilities to incur needless expenses at this
9 time. Thus the Commission should grant the Global Utilities an extension of time to obtain the
10 ATCs for the Phase I well, storage facility and distribution system for the Northwest Zone.

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13 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 30th day of June 2009.

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27 ³ Attached as Exhibit 2 to this Motion.

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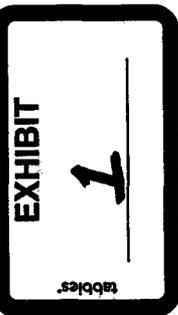
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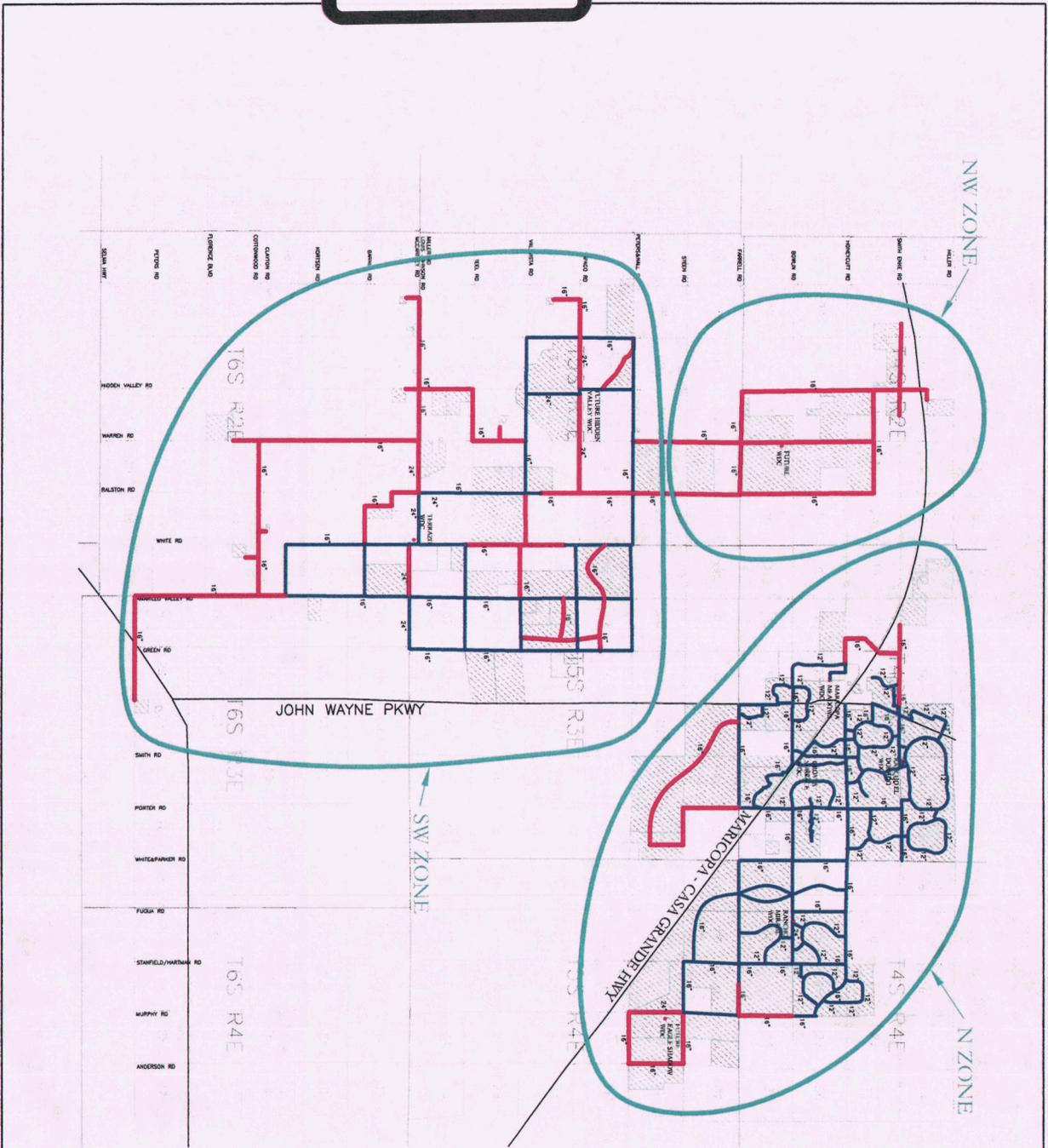
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Site Name	Active Well Production (gpm)		Inactive Well Production	Constructed Storage (gallons)	
	Well 1	Well 2		Storage Tank 1	Storage Tank 2
NORTH AREA					
Maricopa Groves	-	-	-	500,000	-
Maricopa Meadows	-	-	-	500,000	-
Neely North	2,000	-	-	-	-
Neely West	1,980	-	-	-	-
Rancho Mirage	2,800	-	-	2,500,000	-
RED WDC	0	-	-	1,500,000	1,500,000
Smith	1,070	-	-	-	-
Vance	1,965	-	-	-	-
SUBTOTAL		9,815	-	6,500,000	
SOUTHWEST AREA					
Amarillo Creek East	1,800	-	-	-	-
Terrazo WDC	0	-	-	2,500,000	-
SUBTOTAL		1,800	-	2,500,000	
TOTAL		11,615	-	9,000,000	

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