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ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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Enclosed please find the recommendation of Administrative Law Judge Yvette B. Kinsey. The recommendation has been filed in the form of an Order on:

GOLDEN CORRIDOR WATER COMPANY
(EXTENSION OF TIME DEADLINE CONTAINED
IN DECISION NO. 69724)

Pursuant to A.A.C. R14-3-110(B), you may file exceptions to the recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge by filing an original and thirteen (13) copies of the exceptions with the Commission's Docket Control at the address listed below by **4:00** p.m. on or before:

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The enclosed is NOT an order of the Commission, but a recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge to the Commissioners. Consideration of this matter has tentatively been scheduled for the Commission's Open Meeting to be held on:

AUGUST 25, 2009 and AUGUST 26, 2009

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BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS

KRISTIN K. MAYES, Chairman
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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
GOLDEN CORRIDOR WATER COMPANY
NOTICE OF AN EMERGENCY SURCHARGE TO
COVER THE INCREASE IN OPERATING COSTS.

DOCKET NO. W-20461A-07-0158

DECISION NO. _____

**ORDER EXTENDING TIME
DEADLINE CONTAINED IN
DECISION NO. 69724**

Open Meeting
August 25 and 26, 2009
Phoenix, Arizona

BY THE COMMISSION:

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Having considered the entire record herein and being fully advised in the premises, the Commission finds, concludes, and orders that:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On March 19, 2007, Golden Corridor Water Company (“GCWC” or “Company”) filed an application with the Arizona Corporation Commission (“Commission”) for an interim emergency rate increase.

2. On July 30, 2007, the Commission issued Decision No. 69724, granting GCWC an emergency interim rate increase. The Decision also ordered GCWC, among other things, to file through its interim operator Arizona Water Company (“AWC”), a full rate case no later than May 15, 2009, using a 2008 test year or earlier if necessary.

3. On May 6, 2009, AWC, filed on behalf of GCWC, a Motion for Order Approving Revised Filing Date (“Motion”). The Motion requested an extension of time, until May 15, 2010, to file the permanent rate application ordered in Decision No. 69724. In support of its request, AWC

1 states:

2 a. That the emergency interim rate surcharge authorized in Decision No. 69724
3 has never been implemented because the surcharge was tied to AWC's construction
4 and completion of an interconnection between the AWC and the GCWC water system
5 and due to the timing of the interconnection, the surcharge was not implemented.

6 b. That an important aspect in determining rates for GCWC depends on the cost
7 GCWC pays to AWC to purchase water. The rates AWC charges GCWC to purchase
8 water will be determined in AWC's pending rate case before the Commission, which
9 is not expected to be completed prior to early 2010.

10 c. That due to the Utilities Division's ("Staff") involvement in AWC's pending
11 rate case, the additional filing of a rate case by GCWC will further burden Staff and
12 AWC.

13 d. That AWC has no details of any of GCWC's plant-in-service and the burden of
14 conducting analysis by both Staff and the GCWC may be more involved and detailed
15 than would be usual for a utility the size of GCWC.

16 4. On June 18, 2009, Staff docketed a Memorandum recommending approval of AWC's
17 request to extend the timeframe for filing a permanent rate case for GCWC, until May 15, 2010.

18 5. Staff's recommendation is reasonable and should be adopted.

19 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

20 1. GCWC is a public service corporation within the meaning of Article XV of the
21 Arizona Constitution and A.R.S. §§40-281 and 40-282.

22 2. The Commission has jurisdiction over GCWC and the subject matter of the request for
23 additional time to comply with Commission Decision No. 69724.

24 3. Staff's recommendation that GCWC should receive an extension of time to comply
25 with Decision No. 69724, is reasonable and should be adopted.

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ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Golden Corridor Water Company, through its Interim Operator Arizona Water Company, is hereby granted an extension of time, until May 15, 2010, to file a full rate case as described in Decision No. 69724.

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

BY ORDER OF THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION.

CHAIRMAN

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, ERNEST G. JOHNSON, Executive Director of the Arizona Corporation Commission, have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the Commission to be affixed at the Capitol, in the City of Phoenix, this _____ day of _____, 2009.

ERNEST G. JOHNSON
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DISSENT _____

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