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BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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6 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
 7 GRAHAM COUNTY UTILITIES, INC.
 8 WATER DIVISION FOR A RATE INCREASE.

DOCKET NO. W-02527A-09-0201

MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE

9 The Arizona Corporation Commission Utilities Division ("Staff") moves, pursuant to Arizona
 10 Administrative Code (A.A.C.) R14-3-109(H), that the following dockets be consolidated: Docket No.
 11 W-02527A-09-0201, Application for an increase in rates by Graham County Utilities, Inc., Water
 12 Division; Docket No. W-02527A-09-0033, Application for approval for a loan by Graham County
 13 Utilities, Inc., Water Division; Docket No. G-02527A-09-0088, Application for a rate increase by
 14 Graham County Utilities, Inc., Gas Division; and Docket No. G-02527A-09-0032, Application for
 15 approval for a loan by Graham County Utilities, Inc., Gas Division. The issues in these matters are
 16 substantially related and no parties' rights will be prejudiced by consolidation.

17 Graham County Utilities, Inc. (GCU) is an Arizona certificated non profit rural based
 18 cooperative formed by Graham County Electric Cooperative in Graham County, Arizona. GCU has
 19 two divisions that provide water to over 900 customers and gas to over 4600 customers. Because
 20 GCU is one company, the applications for rates in its two divisions, and the applications for financing
 21 are intertwined.

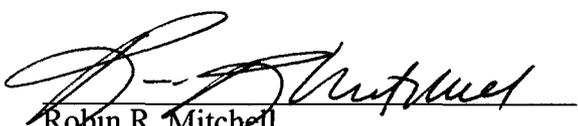
22 AAC R14-3-109 (H) provides that "...the presiding officer may consolidate two or more
 23 proceedings in one hearing when it appears that the issues are substantially the same and the right of
 24 the parties will not be prejudiced by such procedure...". Consolidation would allow GCU to appear
 25 at only one hearing, instead of multiple hearings, particularly for the rate applications. The discovery
 26 process would be aided by having all necessary information that may be needed by Staff to evaluate
 27 all of the applications in one place. Consolidation would allow for the efficient use of Staff resources
 28 to process these applications and avoid a duplication of effort.

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1 Staff would respectfully request that the time clock for Docket No. Docket No. W-02527A-
2 09-0201 (the Water Application) be adopted for Docket No. G-02527A-09-0088 (the Gas
3 Application) and that the procedural schedule also be adopted. Staff has consulted with GCU, and
4 GCU is in agreement.

5 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 14th day of September, 2009.

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