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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

**Re: Belmont CC&N Revocation
WATER UTILITY OF GREATER TONOPAH, INC. AND HASSAYAMPA
UTILITIES COMPANY, INC. – RESPONSE TO REPLY IN SUPPORT OF
MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (Docket nos. W02450A-06-0626
AND SW-20422A-06-0566)**

Dear Commissioners:

It is my understanding that the Commission is reviewing the Certificates of Convenience and Necessity (CC&N) for service to the Belmont development and other developments in the West Valley. While I respect the Commission's responsibility to award and revoke CC&N's, I feel there are competing and compelling public policy objectives that are worthy of consideration in this case. While I understand that ADEQ's issues are not the only considerations you will weigh in rendering a final opinion, I nevertheless feel it is important to inform you of my perspective on the matter.

Regional planning is an absolute requirement to achieve water sustainability in Arizona, especially in water supply challenged areas such as the Lower Hassayampa Sub-Basin. This type of planning allows for utilities and regulators to collaborate on new and innovative ways to improve the use of water, wastewater, and recycled water. Combined with the development of integrated water and wastewater infrastructure, large-scale, regional and long-term planning will

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help to ensure that our scarce water resources will be available well into the future. In my capacity as the Director of ADEQ, I have renewed the agency's efforts in promoting water use efficiencies, recycling of wastewater, and the restoration of watersheds. I believe the most effective way to achieve such goals in our communities is through regional planning as envisioned in the Belmont development.

In rendering your final determination, please give careful consideration to the broader public benefits of regional planning and view the Belmont project as an important opportunity to advance water sustainability throughout the state.

Respectfully,

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