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**IN THE MATTER OF THE  
APPLICATION OF SONOITA VALLEY  
WATER COMPANY FOR A RATE  
INCREASE**

**and**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE  
APPLICATION OF SONOITA VALLEY  
WATER COMPANY FOR  
AUTHORITY TO INCUR DEBT TO  
FINANCE WATER SYSTEM  
IMPROVEMENTS**

Docket No. W-20435A-09-0296  
W-20435A-09-0298

**FILING OF AFFIDAVIT VERIFYING  
NOTICE OF HEARING MAILED TO  
CUSTOMERS**

Arizona Corporation Commission  
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Sonoita Valley Water Company ("Company"), hereby files an affidavit verifying that the Company mailed to each known customer the public notice of hearing, attached herein, by First Class U.S. Mail on December 22, 2009.

DATED this 31st day of December, 2009.

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Original and 15 copies filed this  
31<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2009, with:

Docket Control  
Arizona Corporation Commission  
1200 West Washington Street  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Copy of the foregoing mailed this  
31<sup>st</sup> day of December 2009 to:

Robin Mitchell, Attorney  
Legal Division  
Arizona Corporation Commission  
1200 West Washington Street  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

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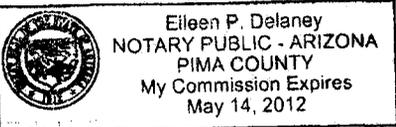
I, the undersigned, after being first duly sworn upon my oath, hereby affirm as follow:

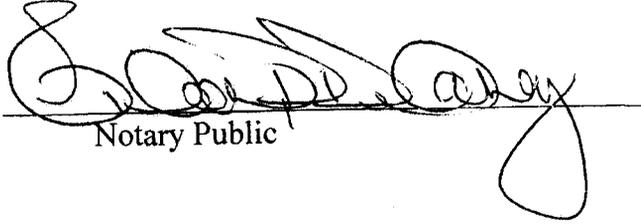
- 1) I am over the age of eighteen.
- 2) I have personal knowledge of the statements set forth herein and I am competent to testify at a hearing or trial with respect to the same.
- 3) I certify that on behalf of Sonoita Valley Water Company, on December 22, 2009, I mailed, or caused to be mailed, to each Company customer a copy of the Customer Notification attached hereto.

DATED this 28<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2009.

  
Bonnie O'Connor, President  
Southwestern Utility Management, Inc.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me, a Notary Public, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2009.



  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:  
May 14, 2012

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING ON THE  
RATE AND FINANCE APPLICATIONS OF  
SONOITA VALLEY WATER COMPANY**  
**Docket Nos. W-20435A-09-0296**  
**W-20435A-09-0298**

On June 4, 2009, Sonoita Valley Water Company ("SVWC" or "Company") filed an application with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") for an increase in annual revenues of \$116,954, an approximate 198 percent increase in annual revenues. The Company also filed an application to approve long-term borrowing of \$656,271 from the Water Infrastructure Finance Authority ("WIFA").

On December 1, 2009, Commission Staff filed a Staff Report that recommends approval of the financing request; an increase in annual revenues of \$25,662, and a surcharge to repay the WIFA loan which would potentially collect additional revenue of \$52,661.

Under the rates proposed by the Company a residential customer using an average of 6,040 gallons per month would experience a monthly increase of \$93.96, or 178.5 percent, from \$52.63 to \$146.59. **Customers using less or more than the average per month will experience a lower or higher percent increase depending on their usage.** Under Staff's proposed rates, including the WIFA surcharge, the average residential customer would experience an increase of \$61.37, or 116.6 percent, from \$52.63 to \$114.00.

If you have any questions concerning how the Company's rate proposal will affect your bill or have other substantive questions about this application, you may contact the Company at: Sonoita Valley Water Company, PO Box 85160, Tucson, AZ 85754, 520-623-5271, [pbayers@aouthwesternutility.com](mailto:pbayers@aouthwesternutility.com)

The Commission will determine the appropriate rate relief to be granted based on evidence of record in this proceeding. The Commission is not bound by the proposals made by the Company, Staff, or any intervenors and, therefore, the final rates approved in this docket may be lower or higher than the rates described above.

**How You Can View or Obtain a Copy of the Rate Proposal**

Copies of the application, Staff Report and proposed tariffs are available at the Company's offices 2102 N. Forbes Blvd., Ste. 107, Tucson, AZ 85745 and at the Commission's Docket Control Center at 1200 West Washington, Phoenix, Arizona and its Tucson offices, 400 West Congress, Suite 218, Tucson, Arizona and on the internet via the Commission website ([/www.azcc.gov/](http://www.azcc.gov/)) using the e-docket function.

**Public Hearing Information**

The Commission will hold a **hearing** on this matter beginning **January 22, 2010, at 10:00 a.m.**, at the Commission's offices, Room 222, 400 West Congress, Tucson, Arizona.

Public comments will be taken at the beginning of the hearing. Written public comments may be submitted by mailing a letter referencing Docket Nos. W-20435A-09-0296 and W-20435A-09-0298 to Arizona Corporation Commission, Consumer Services Section, 1200 West Washington, Phoenix, AZ 85007, or by email. For a form to use and instructions on how to e-mail comments to the Commission, go to [http://www.azcc.gov/divisions/utilities/forms/public\\_comment.pdf](http://www.azcc.gov/divisions/utilities/forms/public_comment.pdf). If you require assistance, you may contact the Consumer Services Section at 1-800-222-7000 or (520) 628-6550.

### **About Intervention**

The law provides for an open public hearing at which, under appropriate circumstances, interested parties may intervene. Any person or entity entitled by law to intervene and having a direct and substantial interest in the matter will be permitted to intervene. If you wish to intervene, you must file an original and 13 copies of a written motion to intervene with the Commission no later than **January 15, 2010**, and a copy of the motion to SVWC or its counsel and to all parties of record. Your motion must contain the following:

1. Your name, address, and telephone number and the name, address and telephone number of any party upon whom service of documents is to be made, if not yourself.
2. A short statement of your interest in the proceeding (e.g., a customer of the Company, a shareholder of the Company, etc.).
3. A statement certifying that you have mailed a copy of the motion to intervene to the Company or its counsel and to all parties of record in the case.

The granting of motions to intervene shall be governed by A.A.C. R14-3-105, except that all motions to intervene must be filed on or before January 15, 2010. For information about requesting intervention, visit the Commission's website at <http://www.azcc.gov/divisions/utilities/forms/interven.pdf>. The granting of intervention, among other things, entitles a party to present sworn evidence at the hearing and to cross-examine other witnesses. However, failure to intervene will not preclude any interested person or entity from appearing at the hearing and providing public comment on the application or from filing written comments in the record of the case.

### **ADA/Equal Access Information**

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