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 20 FRIA WASTEWATER DISTRICT, ITS SUN CITY
 21 WASTEWATER DISTRICT AND ITS SUN CITY
 22 WEST WASTEWATER DISTRICT.

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PROCEDURAL ORDER

BY THE COMMISSION:

19 On July 2, 2009, Arizona-American Water Company ("Arizona-American" or "Company")
 20 filed with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") an application for rate increases for
 21 its Anthem Water District, Sun City Water District, Anthem/Agua Fria Wastewater District, Sun City
 22 Wastewater District, and Sun City West Wastewater District.

23 A hearing date and associated procedural deadlines were set in a Rate Case Procedural Order
 24 issued on September 24, 2009.

25 Intervention in this matter has been granted to the Residential Utility Consumer Office
 26 ("RUCO"), Anthem Community Council, Sun City West Property Owners and Residents
 27 Association, W.R. Hansen, and the Water Utility Association of Arizona.

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1 On February 2, 2010, a procedural order was issued granting a request by the Commission's
2 Utilities Division ("Staff") to extend the time deadline for Staff to file its rate design testimony. The
3 procedural order extended the time deadline for Staff and intervenors to file their rate design
4 testimony from March 8, 2010, to March 22, 2010. The time deadline for the Company to file
5 rebuttal testimony on the issue of rate design was also extended, from March 22, 2010, to April 5,
6 2010.

7 On February 19, 2010, a procedural order was issued granting a request by RUCO for a one
8 week extension of time for RUCO to file its revenue requirement testimony. The procedural order
9 extended the deadline from February 22, 2010, to March 1, 2010, for Staff and intervenors to file
10 direct testimony on issues other than rate design.

11 On February 26, 2010, Staff filed a Request for an Extension of Time to File Direct
12 Testimony. Staff requests an additional one week extension of time to file its direct testimony in this
13 case. Staff states that a number of unresolved issues related to plant in one of the Company's districts
14 have arisen as a result of recently-received responses to data requests, including a need for the
15 Company to reconcile plant values contained in the Company's direct case with those contained in
16 data responses. Staff states that the reconciliation is necessary prior to Staff finalizing its revenue
17 requirement for that district, and that Staff anticipates receiving updated information. Staff further
18 states that if, for some unknown reason, the Company does not provide the information Staff requests
19 in a timely manner, Staff may again request additional time.

20 Staff avows that the Company and RUCO have authorized Staff to represent that those parties
21 do not object to Staff's requested time extension. Staff states that the Company has indicated that its
22 consent to the time extension is predicated upon the parties discussing some alternative dates for the
23 remainder of the schedule and presenting agreed-upon alternatives to the Hearing Division.

24 Under the circumstances, it is reasonable to grant Staff's request. It is also reasonable to
25 require Staff to convene representatives of all the parties to this case in order to discuss possible
26 changes to other filing deadlines in this proceeding, and to request a procedural conference at which
27 proposals may be discussed by all parties.

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1 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that **direct testimony and associated exhibits** to be presented
2 at hearing on behalf of Staff and intervenors **on issues other than rate design** shall be reduced to
3 writing and filed on or before **March 8, 2010**.

4 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all other filing deadlines set forth in the September 24,
5 2009 Rate Case Procedural Order, as modified by the procedural order issued February 2, 2010, shall
6 remain unchanged.

7 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Staff shall arrange to meet and confer with all parties to
8 discuss possible changes to other filing deadlines in this proceeding, and shall request that a
9 procedural conference be convened so that proposals may be discussed by all parties.

10 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Ex Parte Rule (A.A.C. R14-3-113 - Unauthorized
11 Communications) continues to apply to this proceeding and shall remain in effect until the
12 Commission's Decision in this matter is final and non-appealable.

13 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Administrative Law Judge may rescind, alter, amend,
14 or waive any portion of this Procedural Order either by subsequent Procedural Order or by ruling at
15 hearing.

16 DATED this 15th day of March, 2010.

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19 TEENA WOLFE
20 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

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