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BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

8 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
9 OF RIO RICO UTILITIES, INC. FOR AN
10 EXTENSION OF AN EXISTING
11 CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND
12 NECESSITY TO PROVIDE WATER UTILITY
SERVICE IN SANTA CRUZ COUNTY,
ARIZONA

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RESPONSE TO STAFF REPORT

14 Rio Rico Utilities, Inc. ("RRUI"), an Arizona public service corporation, hereby
15 submits this Response to the Staff Report filed on August 5, 2011, in the above-captioned
16 matter. As a general matter, RRUI does not take issue with the recommendations
17 contained in the Staff Report. However, RRUI would like to point out that the reason the
18 company requested approximately 855 acres (4 parcels) to be included in the extension
19 was twofold: (i) because it received a request by the landowner of the 4 parcels to include
20 the property, and (ii) after reviewing its existing certificate of convenience and necessity
21 ("CC&N"), it appeared that the 855 acres would essentially be surrounded by RRUI's
22 CC&N once it was extended to serve the Palo Parado Subdivision. Although immediate
23 water utility service is not required in the 855 acres identified by Staff, RRUI believed
24 that including those four parcels now was not only in the interest of judicial economy, but
25 also consistent with the Commission's policy to encourage operation by regional
26 providers and reducing the number of potential new, smaller water providers.

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