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**BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION**

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 11 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION  
 OF ARIZONA WATER COMPANY, AN  
 12 ARIZONA CORPORATION, FOR A  
 DETERMINATION OF THE FAIR VALUE  
 13 OF ITS UTILITY PLANT AND PROPERTY,  
 AND FOR ADJUSTMENTS TO ITS RATES  
 14 AND CHARGES FOR UTILITY SERVICE  
 FURNISHED BY ITS WESTERN GROUP  
 15 AND FOR CERTAIN RELATED  
 16 APPROVALS.

DOCKET NO. W-01445A-10-0517

**CERTIFICATE OF NOTICE**

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 18 A procedural order (the "Procedural Order") entered by presiding Administrative Law  
 19 Judge Sarah N. Harpring on July 15, 2011 directed Arizona Water Company (the "Company") to  
 20 give public notice of the hearing scheduled in this matter by mailing a copy to each of its  
 21 customers (as a bill insert) of the public notice provided, in form and style, in the Procedural  
 22 Order. The Company was also ordered to cause the notice to be published at least once in a  
 23 newspaper of general circulation in its service territory.

**IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED THAT:**

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 25 1. On the dates indicated in the table attached to this Certificate of Notice as  
 26 Attachment A, the Company caused a copy of the public notice set forth in the  
 27 Procedural Order to be published in the service territory newspapers listed in  
 28

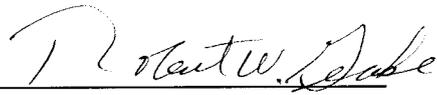
1 Attachment A. Affidavits of Publication for these notices are attached to this  
2 Certificate of Notice as Exhibits B through E, respectively.

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4 2. The Company mailed a copy of the public notice referenced in 1, above, to each  
5 of its customers, via a bill insert (See Attachment F), beginning with the July 22,  
6 2011 billing cycle. The mailing was completed on August 18, 2011.

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8 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 26<sup>TH</sup> day of August, 2011.

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10 ARIZONA WATER COMPANY

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12 By:

  
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1 An original and thirteen (13) copies of the foregoing were  
2 delivered this 26<sup>TH</sup> day of August, 2011 to:

3 Docketing Supervisor  
4 Docket Control Division  
5 Arizona Corporation Commission  
6 1200 West Washington Street  
7 Phoenix, Arizona 85007

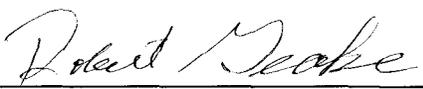
8 A copy of the foregoing was delivered this 26<sup>TH</sup> day of  
9 August, 2011 to:

10 Honorable Lyn Farmer  
11 Chief Administrative Law Judge  
12 Hearing Division  
13 Arizona Corporation Commission  
14 1200 West Washington Street  
15 Phoenix, Arizona 85007

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17 RESIDENTIAL UTILITY CONSUMER OFFICE  
18 1110 West Washington Street, Suite 220  
19 Phoenix, Arizona 85007

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23 1200 West Washington Street  
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25 Steven M. Olea, Director  
26 Utilities Division  
27 Arizona Corporation Commission  
28 1200 West Washington Street  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

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ATTACHMENT A

**ARIZONA WATER COMPANY**  
RATE CASE PUBLICATION  
NEWSPAPER INFORMATION

<b>Exhibit</b>	<b>System</b>	<b>Newspaper</b>	<b>Publication Date</b>
B	Ajo	Ajo Copper News	July 27, 2011
C	Casa Grande	Casa Grande Dispatch	July 27, 2011
D	Coolidge	Coolidge Examiner	July 27, 2011
E	White Tank	West Valley View	July 26, 2011

# Ajo Copper News

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Michelle Pacheco, Office Manager

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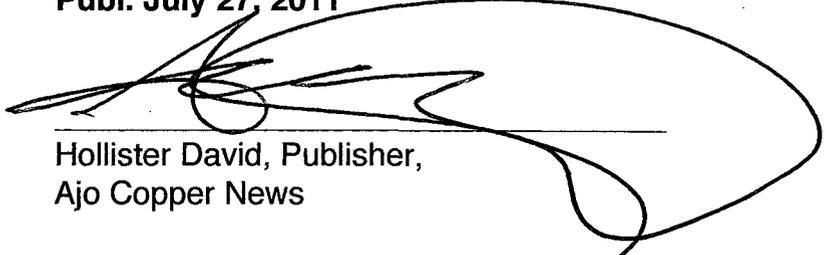
STATE OF ARIZONA )  
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Hollister David deposes and says that he is the publisher of the *Ajo Copper News*, a weekly newspaper of general circulation and established character, published weekly at Ajo, Pima County, Arizona, and that

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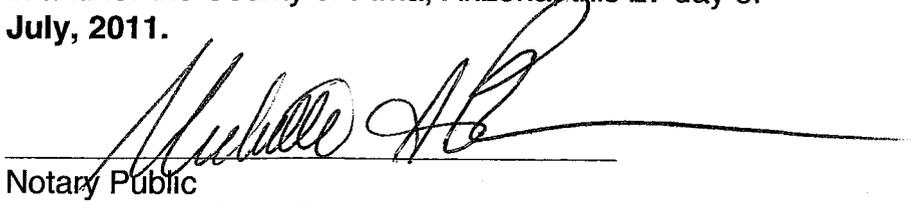
a correct copy of which is attached to this affidavit, was published in the said *Ajo Copper News* every week in the newspaper proper and not in a supplement for

Publ. July 27, 2011

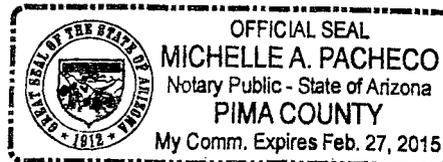


Hollister David, Publisher,  
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Sworn to and subscribed before me, a Notary Public in and for the County of Pima, Arizona, this 27 day of July, 2011.



Notary Public



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27TH day of JULY A.D., 2011

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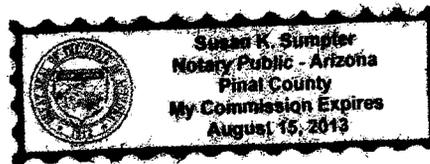
By [Signature]  
agent and/or publisher of the Casa Grande Dispatch

Sworn to before me this 2nd

day of AUGUST A.D., 2011

[Signature]

Notary Public in and for the County of Pinal, State of Arizona



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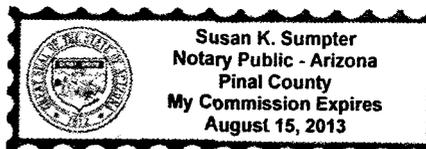
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## AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

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County of Maricopa

I, Elliott Freireich, publisher of West Valley View and West Valley Business, newspapers of general circulation in Avondale, Buckeye, Goodyear, Litchfield Park and Tolleson, Arizona, attest that the legal advertisement for

Arizona Water Company  
public notice - notice of Hearing on the Appli-  
cation for a permanent rate increase (Docket  
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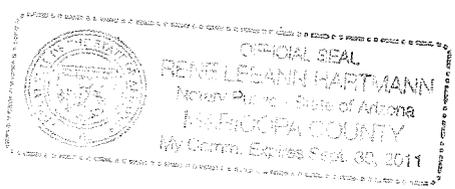
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Elliott Freireich  
President, West Valley View Inc.

July 26, 2011  
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SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME ON THE  
26 DAY OF July (Month), 2011 (YEAR)

NOTARY SIGNATURE: Renee Leann Hartmann



## Public Notice

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