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BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION )  
OF GLOBAL WATER – PALO VERDE )  
UTILITIES COMPANY FOR THE )  
ESTABLISHMENT OF JUST AND )  
REASONABLE RATES AND CHARGES )  
FOR UTILITY SERVICE DESIGNED TO )  
REALIZE A REASONABLE RATE OF )  
RETURN ON THE FAIR VALUE OF ITS )  
PROPERTY THROUGHOUT THE STATE )  
OF ARIZONA )

DOCKET NO. SW-20445A-09-0077

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION )  
OF VALENCIA WATER COMPANY – )  
GREATER BUCKEYE DIVISION FOR THE )  
ESTABLISHMENT OF JUST AND )  
REASONABLE RATES AND CHARGES )  
FOR UTILITY SERVICE DESIGNED TO )  
REALIZE A REASONABLE RATE OF )  
RETURN ON THE FAIR VALUE OF ITS )  
PROPERTY THROUGHOUT THE STATE )  
OF ARIZONA )

DOCKET NO. W-02451A-09-0078

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION )  
OF WILLOW VALLEY WATER )  
COMPANY FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT )  
OF JUST AND REASONABLE RATES AND )  
CHARGES FOR UTILITY SERVICE )  
DESIGNED TO REALIZE A REASONABLE )  
RATE OF RETURN ON THE FAIR VALUE )  
OF ITS PROPERTY THROUGHOUT THE )  
STATE OF ARIZONA )

DOCKET NO. W-01732A-09-0079

1 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION )  
 2 OF GLOBAL WATER – SANTA CRUZ )  
 3 WATER COMPANY FOR THE )  
 4 ESTABLISHMENT OF JUST AND )  
 5 REASONABLE RATES AND CHARGES )  
 6 FOR UTILITY SERVICE DESIGNED TO )  
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 PROPERTY THROUGHOUT THE STATE )  
 OF ARIZONA )

DOCKET NO. W-20446A-09-0080

7 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION )  
 8 OF WATER UTILITY OF GREATER )  
 9 TONOPAH FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT )  
 10 OF JUST AND REASONABLE RATES AND )  
 11 CHARGES FOR UTILITY SERVICE )  
 DESIGNED TO REALIZE A REASONABLE )  
 RATE OF RETURN ON THE FAIR VALUE )  
 OF ITS PROPERTY THROUGHOUT THE )  
 STATE OF ARIZONA )

DOCKET NO. W-02450A-09-0081

12 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION )  
 13 OF VALENCIA WATER COMPANY – )  
 14 TOWN DIVISION FOR THE )  
 15 ESTABLISHMENT OF JUST AND )  
 16 REASONABLE RATES AND CHARGES )  
 17 FOR UTILITY SERVICE DESIGNED TO )  
 REALIZE A REASONABLE RATE OF )  
 RETURN ON THE FAIR VALUE OF ITS )  
 PROPERTY THROUGHOUT THE STATE )  
 OF ARIZONA )

DOCKET NO. W-01212A-09-0082

DECISION NO. 72590

ORDER

18  
 19 Open Meeting  
 20 September 6 and 7, 2011  
 21 Phoenix, Arizona

21 BY THE COMMISSION:

22 In Decision No. 71878, dated September 15, 2010, the Arizona Corporation Commission  
 23 (“Commission”), ordered that Global Water – Palo Verde Utilities Company, Global Water –  
 24 Santa Cruz Water Company, Valencia Water Company – Town Division, Valencia Water  
 25 Company – Greater Buckeye Division, Water Utility of Greater Tonopah and Willow Valley  
 26 Water Co. ( collectively, the “Global Utilities” or “Company”) to file, within 60 days for review  
 27 by Utilities Division Staff (“Staff”) and Commission consideration of, a copy  
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1 of its Hydrant Meter Deposit Charge Tariffs. Pursuant to that order, the Company filed its  
2 proposed tariff on November 15, 2010. A revised tariff was filed on June 13, 2011. Staff filed its  
3 recommendations and proposed order on August 9, 2011.

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5 Having considered the entire record herein and being fully advised in the premises, the  
6 Commission finds, concludes, and orders that:

7 FINDINGS OF FACT

8 1. The purpose of the tariff is to detail the deposit requirements for the Hydrant Meters  
9 and Backflow Prevention Assemblies. Global Utilities requires that hydrant meters be installed to  
10 include backflow prevention and automatic reading devices. The deposit will protect the Company  
11 against loss, theft or damage of this equipment.

12 2. The Company's proposed tariff filed on November 15, 2010, included language  
13 stating "The Applicant for a Hydrant Meter must, at the time of request, pay the Utility a  
14 refundable deposit of \$1750." Language in the proposed revised tariff filed on June 13, 2011,  
15 modified the \$1,750 refundable deposit fee to read "equivalent to the Hydrant Meter cost."

16 3. The Company will provide a deposit receipt and note the deposit amount on the  
17 Applicant's account record.

18 4. The deposit will bear interest at the customer deposit rate specified in the  
19 Company's current rate schedule and will be returned to the Applicant, with any accrued interest  
20 (less any repair costs) within 45 days of the return of the Hydrant Meter.

21 5. Upon installation of the Hydrant Meter, the Company will provide written  
22 certification to the Applicant that the Hydrant Meter is fully functional and ready to use.

23 6. Upon the Company's removal of the Hydrant Meter, the assembly will be inspected  
24 for any damage and the Applicant will be informed in writing of the cost of any repairs. Any repair  
25 costs may be deducted from the deposit amount.

26 7. It is the Applicant's responsibility to inform the Company when the Hydrant Meter  
27 is to be removed. If the Applicant does not request removal of the Hydrant Meter, the Applicant  
28 forfeits the deposit.





1 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Global Water – Palo Verde Utilities Company, Global  
 2 Water – Santa Cruz Water Company, Valencia Water Company – Town Division, Valencia Water  
 3 Company – Greater Buckeye Division, Water Utility of Greater Tonopah and Willow Valley  
 4 Water Co. shall file with Docket Control, as a compliance matter, a tariff consistent with the  
 5 attached Exhibit A tariff, to be effective October 1, 2011.

6 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Decision become effective immediately.

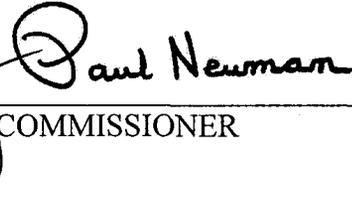
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**BY THE ORDER OF THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION**

  
 CHAIRMAN

  
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, ERNEST G. JOHNSON,  
 Executive Director of the Arizona Corporation Commission,  
 have hereunto, set my hand and caused the official seal of  
 this Commission to be affixed at the Capitol, in the City of  
 Phoenix, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2011.

  
 ERNEST G. JOHNSON  
 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DISSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

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1 SERVICE LIST FOR: Global Water – Palo Verde Utilities Company, Valencia Water Company –  
2 Greater Buckeye Division, Willow Valley Water Co., Global Water  
3 Company – Santa Cruz Water Company, Water Utility of Greater Tonopah,  
and Valencia Water Company – Town Division

4 DOCKET NOS. SW-20445A-09-0077, W-02451A-09-0078, W-01732A-09-0079, W-20446A-09-  
0080, W-02450A-09-0081, AND W-01212A-09-0082

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# Exhibit A

## Hydrant Meter Deposit Charge Tariff

### Applicable to:

- Global Water – Santa Cruz Water Company
- Valencia Water Company – Town Division
- Valencia Water Company – Greater Buckeye Division
- Water Utility of Greater Tonopah
- Willow Valley Water Company

References to Utility means one of the utilities listed above.

### Purpose:

The purpose of this tariff is to detail the deposit requirements for Hydrant Meters and Backflow Prevention Assemblies. Hydrant Meters are large expensive pieces of equipment and include certified back flow prevention and automated meter reading devices. Utility requires that hydrant meters be installed and/or moved by Utility-authorized personnel and that the meter is locked to the hydrant supplying service. The deposit will protect the Utility against loss, theft, or damage of this equipment.

### Tariff:

The Applicant for a Hydrant Meter must, at the time of request, pay to the Utility a refundable deposit of \$1750.

Utility will provide a deposit receipt and note the deposit amount on the Applicant's account record.

The deposit will bear interest at the customer deposit rate specified in Utility's current rate schedule.

The deposit will be returned to the Applicant with any accrued interest, less any repair costs within 45 days of the return of the Hydrant Meter.

Upon installation of the Hydrant Meter, Utility will provide written certification to the Applicant that the Hydrant Meter is fully functional and ready to use.

Upon Utility's removal of the Hydrant Meter, the assembly will be inspected for any damage and the Applicant will be informed in writing of the cost of any repairs. Any repair costs will be deducted from the deposit amount.

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