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Docket No. W-01303A-08-0227

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Notice of Filing of

REQUEST FOR REVIEW AND EXCEPTIONS TO THE COMPLIANCE FILING PER DECISION NO. 71410

28 December 2011

This filing consists of a request for review of the subject compliance filing in Corporation Commission letter of 23 December 2011 and scheduled for the 10/11 January 2012 Open Meeting. I do not intend to be present. One proposed Exception for consideration by the Commission is recommended herein.

This Exception requests to change Best Management Practice (BMP) 2.3, "New Homeowner Landscape Information Tariff, from a "make available when requested" to "provide to" for the beneficial rationale below.

This change from "when requested" to "provide" will give all new homeowner customers information about low water use landscaping. When one is starting up water service for a new home, this is the best time to provide such information. Further, this BMP also provides an excellent opportunity for the water company to present water conservation practices in the introductory letter and its "summary of water saving options."

By starting water conservation as one moves into a new home, both physical and behavioral changes can be implemented to benefit this program. Both physical and material changes are much easier to accomplish at this time than later. For example, a drip-water irrigation system could be included with initial landscaping, but is much more costly later. To change one's water consumption behavior is best accomplished by first using a "best practice" than trying to change later, similar to the change necessary to lose weight.

1 If this "kit" also included a New Homeowner Water Savings Check Sheet, then additional ways to  
2 promote water conservation could be included in a few pages. Typical cost savings (or payback periods) could  
3 also be included for each item on the sheet. The costs for this change is minor compared to the benefits.

4 However, if a new homeowner has to "request" this information packet, success for this BMP will be  
5 much lower than if ALL new homeowners were given a water conservation packet, water saving options and a  
6 check sheet to help guide these new homeowners and customers how to best move into a home using water  
7 conservation as a tool to reduce costs, improve the environment, and save valuable water resources.

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9 The Recommended Change:

10 "NEW HOMEOWNER LANDSCAPE INFORMATION TARIFF – BMP 2.3

11 Page 1, under REQUIREMENTS, number 1, lines 1 and 2:

12 Change "make available upon request" to read "provide"

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14 This filing has been mailed as requested in the Commission letter of 23 December 2011.

15 Respectfully submitted on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of December 2011

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