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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
GREAT PRAIRIE OASIS L.L.C. DBA SUNLAND
WATER COMPANY FOR A RATE INCREASE.

DOCKET NO. W-04015A-12-0051

PROCEDURAL ORDER

BY THE COMMISSION:

On February 14, 2012, in the above-captioned docket ("Rate Docket"), Great Prairie Oasis L.L.C., dba Sunland Water Company ("Sunland"), filed with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") an application for a rate increase. Sunland stated that its current rates were established in 1969, in the Commission Decision that granted its Certificate of Convenience and Necessity, and that its annual revenue does not cover its operating expenses. Sunland further stated that its rate increase is needed in part to cover the debt service for a \$125,000 loan sought from the Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona ("WIFA") to finance plant to bring Sunland's water into compliance with the current arsenic standard of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Arizona Department of Environmental Quality ("ADEQ"). Sunland stated that it was also filing a separate financing application to obtain Commission approval of the WIFA loan, which it did on the same date in Docket No. W-04015A-12-0050 ("Financing Docket").

On February 21, 2012, in the Rate Docket, Allen Cameron filed a Request to Intervene ("Request"). In his Request, Mr. Cameron stated that he would like to appear at any and all hearings held. Mr. Cameron did not, however, include a request for an evidentiary hearing to be held. No response to Mr. Cameron's Request has been filed.

On February 22, 2012, in the Rate Docket, comments submitted by Mr. Cameron to the Commission's Consumer Services Section were filed. In his comments, Mr. Cameron stated that he has been a customer of Sunland since September 2000. Mr. Cameron also raised concerns related to

1 Sunland's service.

2 On February 23, 2012, in the Rate Docket, Sunland filed an Arizona Department of Revenue
3 Certificate of Good Standing as supplemental information for its rate application.

4 On March 7, 2012, in the Rate Docket, Sunland filed an amendment to its rate application in
5 which it increased the proposed monthly minimum charges for meter sizes 1" and larger, increased
6 the proposed 5/8" x 3/4" service line and meter installation charge, and modified a number of
7 miscellaneous service charges.

8 At this time, it is reasonable and appropriate to address Mr. Cameron's Request, the need for a
9 revised notice to be provided to Sunland's customers due to the amendment increasing Sunland's
10 proposed rates and charges, and whether the Rate Docket and Financing Docket should be
11 consolidated so that they may proceed as one matter and result in one Commission Decision.

12 As a customer of Sunland, Mr. Cameron will be directly and substantially impacted by the
13 outcome of this rate case. Thus, as no objection to Mr. Cameron's Request has been filed, Mr.
14 Cameron's Request should and will be granted.

15 Because Sunland has amended its rate application to increase its proposed rates and charges, it
16 is also reasonable and appropriate to require Sunland to mail to its customers notice of those amended
17 proposed rates and charges.

18 In addition, because Sunland's rate application and its WIFA application appear to be
19 interrelated, it is also reasonable and appropriate to require Sunland, Staff, and Mr. Cameron to make
20 filings stating their positions on whether the Rate Docket and the Financing Docket should be
21 consolidated.

22 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that **Allen Cameron is hereby granted intervention in the**
23 **Rate Docket.**

24 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that **Sunland shall, by March 30, 2012, mail** to each of its
25 customers, by First Class U.S. Mail, a **revised notice** including a copy of the amended proposed rates
26 and charges and amended proposed service charges included in Sunland's filing of March 7, 2012.

27 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that **Sunland shall, by April 6, 2012, file an affidavit of**
28 **service** showing that the revised notice was sent as required herein and including a complete copy of

1 the revised notice sent.

2 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Sunland, Mr. Cameron, and Staff each shall, by April 6,
3 2012, file a statement regarding whether (and why or why not) the public interest would be served
4 by consolidation of the Rate Docket and the Financing Docket.

5 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all parties must comply with Rules 31 and 38 of the Rules
6 of the Arizona Supreme Court and A.R.S. § 40-243 with respect to the practice of law and admission
7 pro hac vice.

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

11 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the time periods specified herein shall not be extended
12 pursuant to Rule 6(a) or (e) of the Rules of Civil Procedure.

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 9th day of March, 2012.

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19 SARAH N. HARPRING
20 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

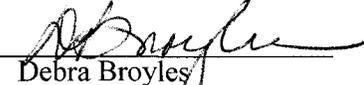
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