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ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION
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**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
OF MONTEZUMA RIMROCK WATER
COMPANY, L.L.C. FOR APPROVAL OF
FINANCING FOR A HYDRO-PNEUMATIC
TANK TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL
8,000 GALLONS OF WATER STORAGE TO
THE SYSTEM.**

DOCKET NO. W-04254A-12-0206

**STAFF'S RESPONSE TO
PROCEDURAL ORDER**

On May 31, 2012, Montezuma Rimrock Water Company ("MRWC" or "Company") filed an application with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") for a rate increase as well as three separate financing applications. On June 7, 2012, Mr. John E. Dougherty III filed a motion to intervene in the various applications. Additionally, Mr. Dougherty requested consolidation of the various matters and that there be a hearing for the consolidated matter. On June 25, 2012, a procedural order was issued granting Mr. Dougherty's request for intervention as well as directing Commission Utilities Division Staff ("Staff") and the Company to respond to Mr. Dougherty's request for consolidation and for an evidentiary hearing.

Staff believes that consolidation of the three financing dockets and the rate case docket is appropriate. Consolidation of the financing applications with the rate case facilitates the determination of what would constitute a reasonable rate increase to support such financing as the Commission approves.

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1 Staff has no position on whether there should be an evidentiary hearing in this matter. A
2 hearing on the rate case is not required by rule because the Company is below a Class C utility.
3 However, Staff would not oppose having an evidentiary hearing in this matter.

4 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 16th day of July, 2012.

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