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BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

Arizona Corporation Commission

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GARY PIERCE, Chairman
BOB STUMP, Commissioner
PAUL NEWMAN, Commissioner
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BRENDA BURNS, Commissioner

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
OF RIO RICO UTILITIES, INC., AN
ARIZONA CORPORATION, FOR A
DETERMINATION OF THE FAIR VALUE
OF ITS UTILITY PLANTS AND PROPERTY
AND FOR INCREASES IN ITS WATER
AND WASTEWATER RATES AND
CHARGES FOR UTILITY SERVICE BASED
THEREON.

Docket No. WS-02676A-12-0196

NOTICE OF FILING
CERTIFICATION OF
PUBLICATION AND PROOF OF
MAILING

Pursuant to the Procedural Order dated July 13, 2012, Rio Rico Utilities, Inc. (the "Company") hereby files this Notice of Filing Certification of Publication and Proof of Mailing in the above-captioned matter.

On September 21, 2012, notice regarding the hearing set for March 27, 2013 was published in the *Nogales International*. The affidavit of Elisa Bermudez, Agent to the Publisher of the *Nogales International*, is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**.

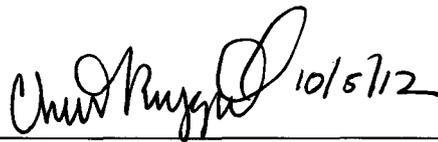
On September 7, 2012, September 12, 2012, September 24, 2012 and October 1, 2012 the Company mailed notification to customers. A confirmation letter from Susan Walter, Account Services of Data Management Center, is attached hereto as **Exhibit 2**, along with a copy of the notice. Please note that despite the Company's best efforts, some customers may have received notice after September 30, 2012 however the Company believes all notices were delivered no later than October 2, 2012.

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DATED this 5 day of October, 2012.

By  10/5/12
Christopher D. Krygier
Rio Rico Utilities, Inc. dba Liberty Utilities
12725 W. Indian School Road
Suite D101
Avondale, Arizona 85392

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Jane Rodda, Esq.
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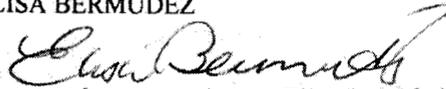
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STATE OF ARIZONA)
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AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

ELISA BERMUDEZ



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Duly sworn, deposes and says: That (he) (she) is the Agent to the Publisher of the NOGALES INTERNATIONAL newspaper printed and published two days week in the City of Nogales, County of Santa Cruz, State of Arizona. That the notice, a copy of which is hereto attached, described as follows:

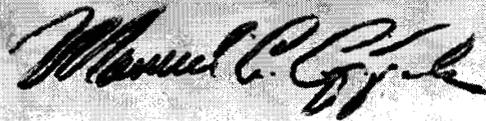
**PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING ON THE RATE APPLICATION
OF RIO RICO UTILITIES, INC. (DOCKET NO. WS-02676A-12-0196)**

was printed and published in the regular and entire issue of said
NOGALES INTERNATIONAL for 1 issues, that the first was
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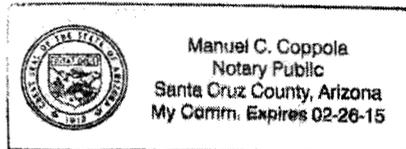
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Request of RIO RICO UTILITIES, INC.

NOGALES INTERNATIONAL
268 W VIEW POINT, NOGALES, AZ 85621 (520)375-5760
By



Subscribed sworn to before me this 21st day of SEPTEMBER
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Notary Public in and for the County of Santa Cruz, State of Arizona

My Commission Expires: 2/26/15

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING ON THE RATE APPLICATION OF RIO
RICO UTILITIES, INC.
(DOCKET NO. WS-02676A-12-0196)**

On May 31, 2012, Rio Rico Utilities, Inc. dba Liberty Utilities ("RRUI" or "Company") filed an application with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") for an increase in annual revenues for its water division of \$604,079, or 21.16 percent over test year revenues. Under the rates as proposed by the Company, a residential water service customer with a 5/8 x 3/4" meter, with an average monthly usage of 7,794 gallons, would expect to see a monthly increase of \$7.41, or 24.9 percent, from \$29.75 to \$37.16. A customer's bill depends on meter size and how much water is used each month. A customer with a larger meter and/or using less or more than the average would experience a smaller or larger increase.

RRUI also has requested an increase in annual revenues for its wastewater division of \$393,612, or 28.93 percent over test year revenues. Under the rates requested by the Company, a residential wastewater customer would see a monthly increase of \$14.13, or 30.8 percent, from \$45.88 to \$60.01. The Company proposed rates that would increase the monthly bill of a commercial customer with a 5/8 x 3/4 inch meter and average monthly water consumption of 8,446 gallons, by \$15.25, or 28.9 percent, from \$52.63 to \$67.88. Commercial wastewater rates depend in part on monthly water usage, thus, commercial customers with a larger meter, or water consumptions higher or lower than the average, would experience a higher or lower bill impact.

If you have any questions concerning how the Company's rate proposal will affect your bill or have other substantive questions about this application, you may contact the Company at: **Rio Rico Utilities, Inc. dba Liberty Utilities, 1225 W. Frontage Road, Rio Rico, AZ 85648, 520-281-7000.**

The Commission's Utilities Division Staff has not yet made a recommendation regarding the Company's rate proposal, and the Commission will determine the appropriate rate relief to be granted based on the evidence of record in this proceeding. The commission is not bound by the proposals made by the Company, Staff, or any intervenors and, therefore, the final rates approved in this docket may be lower or higher than the rates described above.

How You Can View or Obtain a Copy of the Rate Proposal

Copies of the application and proposed rates are available from RRUI at **1225 W. Frontage Road Rio Rico, AZ 85648, 520-281-7000** and at the Commission's Docket Control Center at 1200 West Washington, Phoenix Arizona, and in its Tucson offices, 400 West Congress, Suite 218 Tucson, Arizona and on the internet via the Commission's website (www.azcc.gov) using the e-docket function.

Public Hearing Information

The Commission will hold a hearing on this matter beginning **March 27, 2013, at 10:00 a.m.**, at the Commission's office, Hearing Room 222, 400 West Congress Street, Tucson, Arizona, 85071.

Public comments will be taken at the beginning of the hearing. Written public comments may also be submitted by mailing a letter referencing Docket No. WS-02676A-12-0196 to Arizona Corporation Commission, Consumer Services Section, 1200 West Washington Phoenix, AZ 85007, or by e-mail. For a form to use and instructions on how to e-mail comments to the Commission, go to http://www.azcc.gov/divisions/utilities/forms/public_comment.pdf. If you require assistance, you may contact the Consumer Services Section at 1-800-222-7000, or 520-628-6550.

About Intervention

The law provides for an open public hearing at which, under appropriate circumstances, interested parties may intervene. Any person or entity entitled by law to intervene and having a direct and substantial interest in the matter will be permitted to intervene. If you wish to intervene, you must file an original and 13 copies of a written motion to intervene with the Commission no later than **December 15, 2012**, and send a copy of the motion to RRUI or its counsel and to all parties of record. Your motion to intervene must contain the following:

1. Your name, address, and telephone number, and the name address, and telephone number of any party upon whom service of documents is to be made, if not yourself;
2. A short statement of your interest in the proceeding (e.g., a customer of RRUI, a shareholder of RRUI, etc.); and
3. A statement certifying that you have mailed a copy of the motion to intervene to RRUI or its counsel and to all parties of record in the case.

The granting of motions to intervene shall be governed by A.A.C. R14-3-105, except that **all motions to intervene must be filed on or before December 15, 2012.** If representation by counsel is required by Rule 31 of the Rules of the Arizona Supreme Court, intervention will be conditioned upon the intervenor obtaining counsel to represent the intervenor. For information about requesting intervention, visit the Commission's website at <http://www.azcc.gov/divisions/utilities/forms/interven.pdf>. The granting of intervention, among other things, entitles a party to present sworn evidence at hearing and to cross-examine other witnesses. However, **failure to intervene will not preclude any interested person or entity from appearing at the hearing and providing public comment on the application or from filing written comments in the record of the case.**

ADA/Equal Access Information

The Commission does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission to its public meetings. Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation such as a sign language interpreter, as well as request this document in an alternative format, by contacting the ADA Coordinator, Shaylin Bernal, E-mail SBernal@azcc.gov, voice phone number 602-542-3931. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.

Para traducción de este informe en Español, favor de comunicarse con nuestra oficina; ubicada en: 1225 W. Frontage Road, Rio Rico, AZ 85648. Telefono: 520-281-7000.

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Rio Rico Rate Increase Public Notice and the Rio Rico BMP Public Notice inserts were included in the following mailing runs:

Rio Rico 1512 packages; received 9/4/12, mailed 9/7/12

Rio Rico 1553 packages; received 9/10/12, mailed 9/12/12

Rio Rico 1239 packages; received 9/20/12, mailed 9/24/12

Rio Rico 1333 packages; received 9/28/12, mailed 10/1/12

Please contact the Account Services department at Data Management Center if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Susan Walter
Account Services
Data Management Center