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8 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF  
9 FAR WEST WATER & SEWER, INC., AN  
10 ARIZONA CORPORATION, FOR A  
11 DETERMINATION OF THE CURRENT FAIR  
12 VALUE OF ITS UTILITY PLANT AND  
13 PROPERTY AND FOR INCREASES IN ITS  
14 WASTEWATER RATES AND CHARGES  
15 BASED THEREON FOR UTILITY SERVICE.

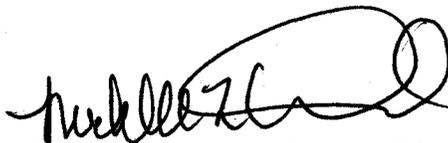
Docket No. WS-03478A-12-0307

**RUCO'S RESPONSE TO MOTION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT IN YUMA, ARIZONA**

16 The Residential Utility Consumer Office ("RUCO") hereby responds to the Motion  
17 for Public Comment filed originally by Intervenor Jerry S. Durden and renewed by Joint  
18 Intervenors Gilkey, Rist and Taylor ("Joint Intervenors"). Far West Water and Sewer  
19 Company ("the Company" or "Far West") has filed an application for a 182% increase in its  
20 sewer division rates. Far West's CC&N is in Yuma, Arizona. Yuma is too far a distance  
21 from Phoenix to expect ratepayers to travel in order to have input on the rate case. An  
22 increase of this magnitude warrants ample opportunity for the public to comment. RUCO  
23 supports the original Motion filed by Mr. Durden in October, 2012 and the renewed motion  
24 filed by the Joint Intervenors. It appears there was no opposition to the original motion  
filed by Mr. Durden. In light of the foregoing, Mr. Durden's motion and the renewed motion  
of the Joint Intervenors should be granted.

1 The Joint Intervenors also request that the public comment be scheduled in  
2 February, 2013 to afford winter visitors the opportunity to be heard. The Joint Intervenors  
3 also request that the location of the public comment be at a larger facility than used in the  
4 last public comment. RUCO concurs that the matter should be scheduled at a time during  
5 which winter visitors may participate. RUCO has no familiarity with the facility identified by  
6 the Joint Intervenors, but agrees that the facility used for public comment during the last  
7 Far West case was far too small to accommodate the unexpected number of ratepayers  
8 who appeared. In anticipation of an equally large turnout in this matter, use of another  
9 facility may be advisable and RUCO also supports the Joint Intervenors' request that  
10 public comment be held at a larger facility to accommodate the participation of all  
11 interested parties. RUCO requests the Administrative Law Judge issue an order  
12 scheduling public comment in Yuma, AZ as requested by the Joint Intervenors.

13 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 24th day of December, 2012.

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