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DOCKET NO. W-01212A-12-0309

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF GLOBAL WATER-PALO VERDE UTILITIES COMPANY FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF JUST AND REASONABLE RATES AND CHARGES FOR UTILITY SERVICE DESIGNED TO REALIZE A REASONABLE RATE OF RETURN ON THE FAIR VALUE OF ITS PROPERTY THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF ARIZONA.

DOCKET NO. SW-20445A-12-0310

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF WATER UTILITY OF NORTHERN SCOTTSDALE FOR APPROVAL OF A RATE INCREASE.

DOCKET NO. W-03720A-12-0311

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION OF WATER UTILITY OF GREATER TONOPAH FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF JUST AND REASONABLE RATES AND CHARGES FOR UTILITY SERVICE DESIGNED TO REALIZE A REASONABLE RATE OF RETURN ON THE FAIR VALUE OF ITS PROPERTY THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF ARIZONA.

DOCKET NO. W-02450A-12-0312

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF VALENCIA WATER COMPANY- GREATER BUCKEYE DIVISION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF JUST AND REASONABLE RATES AND CHARGES FOR UTILITY SERVICE DESIGNED TO REALIZE A REASONABLE RATE OF RETURN ON THE FAIR VALUE OF ITS PROPERTY THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF ARIZONA.

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1 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
2 GLOBAL WATER – SANTA CRUZ WATER
3 COMPANY FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
4 JUST AND REASONABLE RATES AND
5 CHARGES FOR UTILITY SERVICE DESIGNED
6 TO REALIZE A REASONABLE RATE OF
7 RETURN ON THE FAIR VALUE OF ITS
8 PROPERTY THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF
9 ARIZONA.

DOCKET NO. W-20446A-12-0314

6 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
7 WILLOW VALLEY WATER COMPANY FOR
8 THE ESTABLISHMENT OF JUST AND
9 REASONABLE RATES AND CHARGES FOR
10 UTILITY SERVICE DESIGNED TO REALIZE A
11 REASONABLE RATE OF RETURN ON THE
12 FAIR VALUE OF ITS PROPERTY
13 THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF ARIZONA.

DOCKET NO. W-01732A-12-0315

PROCEDURAL ORDER

BY THE COMMISSION:

11 On July 9, 2012, Valencia Water Company – Town Division (“VWCT”), Global Water – Palo
12 Verde Utilities Company (“Palo Verde”), Water Utility of Northern Scottsdale (“WUNS”), Water
13 Utility of Greater Tonopah (“WUGT”), Valencia Water Company – Greater Buckeye Division
14 (“VWCGB”), Global Water – Santa Cruz Water Company (“Santa Cruz”), and Willow Valley Water
15 Company (“Willow Valley”) (collectively “Global Water” or “Company”) filed with the Arizona
16 Corporation Commission (“Commission”) applications for the establishment of just and reasonable
17 rates and charges for utility service designed to realize a reasonable rate of return on the fair value of
18 their property throughout the State of Arizona.

19 Intervention has been granted to the Residential Utility Consumer Office (“RUCO”) and New
20 World Properties, Inc.

21 By Procedural Order issued November 20, 2012, the above-captioned dockets were
22 consolidated, a hearing was scheduled, the Company was directed to publish notice of the
23 application, and other procedural deadlines were established.

24 On November 27, 2012, Global Water filed a Request to Amend Customer Notice Language
25 in the Palo Verde docket.

26 On November 30, 2012, a Procedural Order was issued granting the Company’s request to
27 amend the customer notice language.
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1 On December 17, 2012, Global Water filed revised schedules in the VWCGB, WUGT, and
2 VWCT dockets.

3 On December 18, 2012, Global Water filed a 2nd Request to Amend Customer Notice
4 Language. The Company stated that the three West Valley notices did not include a description of
5 the Global Utilities proposal to consolidate the West Valley utilities; and that since Global Water has
6 prepared a rate case website, a reference to the website should also be included in the customer
7 notice. Global Water stated that Staff has no objection to the proposed modifications to the customer
8 notice. Accordingly, the Company requested that the customer notices be modified as follows:

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10 **Valencia Water Company – Town Division’s** application requests a gross annual
11 revenue increase of approximately \$825,149, or 16.70 percent over current revenues.
12 For 5/8-inch and 3/4-inch meter residential customers of Valencia Water Company –
13 Town Division, with usage of 7,000 gallons per month (test year average monthly
14 usage was 6,718 gallons), the Company’s request would increase monthly rates by
15 \$10.00, from \$45.60 to \$55.60, or 21.93 percent. In addition, the Company proposes
16 that its rates be consolidated with nearby water systems under common ownership.
Under the consolidated rate proposal, the Company requests an annual revenue
increase of approximately \$1,256,975 or 25.44 percent over current revenues. For
5/8-inch and 3/4-inch meter residential customers of Valencia Water Company – Town
Division, with usage of 7,000 gallons per month (test year average monthly usage was
6,718 gallons), the Company’s request would increase monthly rates by \$16.30, from
\$45.60 to \$61.90, or 33.75 percent.

17 **Valencia Water Company – Greater Buckeye Division’s** application requests a
18 gross annual revenue increase of approximately \$35,611 or 7.71 percent over current
19 revenues. For 5/8-inch and 3/4-inch meter residential customers of Valencia Water
20 Company – Greater Buckeye Division, with usage of 9,000 gallons per month (test
21 year average monthly usage was 8,778 gallons), the Company’s request would
22 increase monthly rates by \$15.73, from \$42.32 to \$58.05, or 37.17 percent. In
23 addition, the Company proposes that its rates be consolidated with nearby water
systems under common ownership. Under the consolidated rate proposal, the
Company requests an annual revenue increase of approximately \$131,771 or 28.52
percent over current revenues. For 5/8-inch and 3/4-inch meter residential customers of
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per month (test year average monthly usage was 8,778 gallons), the Company’s
request would increase rates by \$26.58, from \$42.32 to \$68.90, or 62.81 percent.

24 **Water Utility of Greater Tonopah’s** application requests a gross annual revenue
25 increase of approximately \$678,348 or 326.59 percent over current revenues. For 5/8-
26 inch and 3/4-inch meter residential customers of Water Utility of Greater Tonopah, with
27 usage of 8,000 gallons per month (test year average monthly usage was 8,000 gallons),
28 the Company’s request would increase monthly rates by \$127.64, from \$40.36 to
\$168.00, or 316.25 percent. In addition, the Company proposes that its rates be
consolidated with nearby water systems under common ownership. Under the
consolidated rate proposal, the Company requests an annual revenue increase of
approximately \$120,324 or 57.93 percent over current revenues. For 5/8-inch and 3/4-
inch meter residential customers of Water Utility of Greater Tonopah, with usage of

1 7,000 gallons per month (test year average monthly usage was 8,000 gallons), the
2 Company's request would increase rates by \$25.04, from \$40.36 to \$65.40, or 62.04
3 percent.

4 If you would like the Company to calculate the bill impact of its proposal based on
5 your consumption, please contact its Customer Service at 1-855-518-4018 or email at
6 RateCase@GWResources.com. For more information about Global Water's rate
7 application, please visit:
8 <http://www.gwresources.com/resources/Pages/customer/ratecase>.

9 On December 19, 2012, Global Water filed revised and updated consolidated schedules in the
10 VWCGB, WUGT, and VWCT dockets.

11 On December 21, 2012, the Company filed a complete set of revised and updated schedules
12 for each of the above-captioned dockets.

13 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Global Water's 2nd Request to Amend Customer Notice
14 Language is hereby granted and the customer notice language should be amended as follows:

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16 revenue increase of approximately \$825,149, or 16.70 percent over current revenues.
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14 RateCase@GWResources.com. For more information about Global Water's rate
15 application, please visit:
16 <http://www.gwresources.com/resources/Pages/customer/ratecase>.

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

20 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that withdrawal of representation must be made in compliance
21 with A.A.C. R14-3-104(E) and Rule 1.16 of the Rules of Professional Conduct (under Rule 42 of the
22 Rules of the Arizona Supreme Court). Representation before the Commission includes appearances
23 at all hearings and procedural conferences, as well as all Open Meetings for which the matter is
24 scheduled for discussion, unless counsel has previously been granted permission to withdraw by the
25 Administrative Law Judge or the Commission.

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

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

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all other provisions of the prior Procedural Orders shall
remain in effect.

1 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Administrative Law Judge may rescind, alter, amend,
2 or waive any portion of this Procedural Order either by subsequent Procedural Order or by ruling at
3 hearing.

4 DATED this 28th day of December, 2012.

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