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BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
FAR WEST WATER AND SEWER, INC., AN
ARIZONA CORPORATION, FOR A
DETERMINATION OF THE CURRENT FAIR
VALUE OF ITS UTILITY PLANT AND
PROPERTY AND FOR INCREASES IN ITS
WASTEWATER RATES AND CHARGES BASED
THEREON FOR UTILITY SERVICE.

DOCKET NO. WS-03478A-12-0307

**PROCEDURAL ORDER SETTING
PUBLIC COMMENT MEETING IN
YUMA**

BY THE COMMISSION:

On July 6, 2012, Far West Water & Sewer, Inc. ("Far West") filed the above-captioned rate application with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission").

On August 30, 2012, a Rate Case Procedural Order was issued setting a hearing on the application to commence on April 22, 2013, and setting associated procedural deadlines.

Intervention has been granted to the Residential Utility Consumer Office ("RUCO"), Spartan Homes & Construction, Inc., Robert C. Gilkey, Barbara S. Gilkey, Robert Rist, Rodney Taylor, Kim Taylor, Seth Davis, Barbara Davis, and Jerry S. Durden.

Numerous consumers have filed comments opposing the rate increase request.

On October 29, 2012, in Mr. Durden's Motion to Intervene, Mr. Durden requested that a public comment meeting be held in Yuma.

On December 24, 2012, a Motion for Public Comment was jointly filed by intervenors Barbara Gilkey, Robert Gilkey, Rodney Taylor, Kim Taylor, and Robert Rist.

Also on December 24, 2012, RUCO filed a Response to the Public Comment Meeting Motion. RUCO is in favor of the Commission holding a public comment meeting in Yuma.

On January 4, 2013, the Commission's Utilities Division ("Staff") filed a Request for Change to the Procedural Schedule.

On January 16, 2013, a Procedural Order Modifying Filing Deadlines was issued.

The Commission has scheduled a local public comment session on the application to be held February 20, 2013, in Yuma, Arizona.

Accordingly, Far West should be ordered to provide public notice of the public comment meeting.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED a **public comment session** shall be held in **Yuma, Arizona** on **February 20, 2013**, commencing at **6:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as practicable, at the **Gila Ridge High School Auditorium, 7150 E. 24th St., Yuma, Arizona 85365**, in order to allow an opportunity for Far West's customers to provide public comment in Yuma for the record in this case.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Far West shall provide public notice of the public comment session on this matter, in the following form and style, with the heading in no less than 18 point bold type and the body in no less than 10 point regular type:

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION IN YUMA, ARIZONA, ON THE
APPLICATION OF FAR WEST WATER & SEWER, INC., AN ARIZONA
CORPORATION, FOR A DETERMINATION OF THE FAIR VALUE OF ITS
UTILITY PLANT AND PROPERTY AND FOR INCREASES IN ITS WATER
AND WASTEWATER RATES AND CHARGES FOR UTILITY SERVICE
BASED THEREON
(DOCKET NO. WS-03478A-12-0307)**

On July 6, 2012, Far West Water & Sewer, Inc. ("Far West") filed with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") an application for increases in its wastewater rates and charges.

Commission Sets Local Public Comment Session in Yuma, Arizona

Far West previously provided public notice of the hearing on the application. The evidentiary hearing is scheduled to commence on **April 22, 2013**, at **10:00 a.m.**, or as soon thereafter as practicable, at the Commission's offices, 1200 West Washington Street, **Hearing Room No. 1**, Phoenix, Arizona 85007. Public comment will be taken on the first day of the hearing.

The Commission will also hold a **public comment session** on the application on **February 20, 2013**, commencing at **6:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as practicable, at the **Gila Ridge High School Auditorium, 7150 E. 24th St., Yuma, Arizona 85248**.

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, and may request this document in an alternative format by contacting the ADA Coordinator, Shaylin Bernal, at sabernal@azcc.gov, voice phone number 602-542-3931. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.

1 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Far West shall provide a copy of the above notice, no later
2 than February 8, 2013, by U.S. Mail to each of its customers. Far West shall also post copies of the
3 notice in community locations.

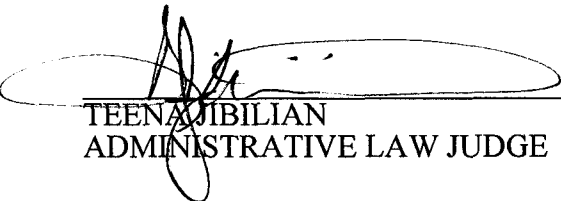
4 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Far West shall file, no later than February 15, 2013, an
5 affidavit demonstrating compliance with the notice requirements in this Procedural Order, including
6 mailing of notice and posting of copies of the notice.

7 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that notice shall be deemed complete upon mailing/publication
8 of same, notwithstanding the failure of an individual customer to read or receive the notice.

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

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

15 DATED this 25th day of January, 2013.

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ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

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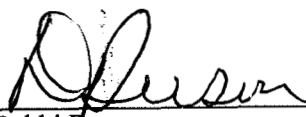
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