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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF GRAHAM COUNTY UTILITIES, INC. (GAS DIVISION) FOR APPROVAL OF A RATE INCREASE.

DOCKET NO. G-02527A-12-0321

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF GRAHAM COUNTY UTILITIES, INC. GAS DIVISION FOR APPROVAL OF A LOAN.

DOCKET NO. G-02527A-13-0023

**PROCEDURAL ORDER
CONSOLIDATING APPLICATIONS
AND VACATING PRE-HEARING
CONFERENCE**

BY THE COMMISSION:

On July 13, 2012, Graham County Utilities, Inc. (Gas Division) ("Graham" or "Company") filed with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") an application for an increase in rates for service provided in Arizona.

On September 6, 2012, a Rate Case Procedural Order was issued setting a hearing for April 1, 2013, setting a pre-hearing conference for March 26, 2013, setting associated procedural deadlines, and ordering publication and mailing of notice of the application and hearing.

On September 10, 2012, a filing was docketed that included a copy of a September 5, 2012, Board of Directors Resolution authorizing Steve Lines, Graham's General Manager, and Kirk Gray, Graham's Financial Manager, to represent Graham in this proceeding.

On September 28, 2012, a Procedural Order was issued modifying the notice requirements set forth in the September 6, 2012, Rate Case Procedural Order.

On November 13, 2012, Graham filed an affidavit of publication and certification of mailing indicating compliance with the notice requirements of the Procedural Order issued on September 28, 2012.

No intervention requests were filed.

1 On February 7, 2013, Graham filed the above-captioned application for financing approval.
2 The financing application included a request that it be consolidated with the rate application.

3 On February 8 and 23, 2013, the Commission's Utilities Division ("Staff") filed the direct
4 testimony of its witnesses.

5 On March 6, 2013, Graham filed the rebuttal testimony of its witness.

6 A review of the prefiled testimony in the rate case indicates that there is little, if any, dispute
7 between the only two parties to the case, Graham and Staff. Therefore, there is no need to convene
8 the pre-hearing conference currently scheduled for March 26, 2013. If the parties wish to discuss any
9 procedural issues prior to the commencement of the hearing on April 1, 2013, they may contact the
10 Hearing Division and request that a telephonic procedural conference be convened.

11 There has been no objection filed to Graham's consolidation request. The issues in the two
12 applications are related, and no party will be prejudiced by the requested consolidation. It is
13 therefore reasonable to consolidate the two matters for purposes of hearing and Commission
14 determinations.

15 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the two above-captioned dockets are hereby
16 consolidated for purposes of hearing and Commission determinations.

17 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the pre-hearing conference currently scheduled to be held
18 in this matter on **March 26, 2013**, for the purpose of scheduling witnesses and the conduct of the
19 hearing, is hereby **vacated**.

20 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that in all other respects, except as modified by the Procedural
21 Order issued on September 28, 2012, the Procedural Order issued on September 6, 2012, shall remain
22 in full force and effect.

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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 12th day of March, 2013.

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8 TEENA JIBILIAN
9 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

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