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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
FAR WEST WATER & 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

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**INFORMATIONAL FILING
CONCERNING IMPROPER DEBT
COLLECTION PRACTICES**

Far West Water and Sewer, Inc. ("Far West") hereby provides information concerning improper contacts made with one or more Commissioner by a debt collector.

On or about June 18, 2013, Jim Wilson, from the Legal Department of Tucker, Albin and Associates, Inc. contacted at least one Commissioner to ask a series of questions about Far West. Please be advised that Tucker, Albin, and Associates is a debt collection company based in Richardson, Texas. The Dallas Better Business Bureau gives this company an "F" grade.¹

It is no secret that Far West's income is presently not sufficient to satisfy all its creditors. This is a significant reason that supports Far West's requested rate increase in this docket. However, the alleged debt that Mr. Wilson has been attempting to collect is not legitimate.

Mr. Wilson has been trying to collect an alleged debt on behalf of Amtek Electric LLC. In fact, Far West likely overpaid Amtek. Amtek and its subcontractor, Vertech, were paid to provide programming and integration services as part of the start-up for both of the Del Oro and Section 14 Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrades. Amtek and Vertech certified that these services were completed, but the programming had not been completed as represented by Amtek and Vertech. Far West was forced to hire another contractor, Quantum Integrated Solutions, to complete the services for which Amtek/Vertech had been paid.

Far West is exploring its legal remedies concerning Amtek/Vertech.

¹ <http://www.bbb.org/dallas/business-reviews/collection-agencies/tucker-albin-and-associates-in-richardson-tx-90233665>

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