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BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORAT

COMMISSIONERS

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
LAS QUINTAS SERENAS WATER CO. FOR
DETERMINATION OF THE FAIR VALUE OF ITS
UTILITY PLANT AND PROPERTY, AND AN
INCREASE IN ITS WATER RATES AND
CHARGES FOR WATER UTILITY SERVICE.

DOCKET NO. W-01583A-13-0117

PROCEDURAL ORDER

BY THE COMMISSION:

On April 26, 2013, Las Quintas Serenas Water Co. ("Company") filed with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") an application for a permanent rate increase ("Application").

On May 24, 2013, the Commission's Utilities Division ("Staff") notified the Company that the Application was sufficient under the terms of the Arizona Administrative Code ("A.A.C."), and classified the Company as a Class C utility.

On June 14, 2013, a Procedural Order was issued setting the matter for hearing on December 10, 2013, and continuing on December 11, 2013, if necessary.

On June 20, 2013, Staff filed a Request to Modify Procedural Schedule ("Request") noting that Staff witnesses had a conflict on the scheduled hearing dates and requested that the hearing be rescheduled for December 19, 2013. Staff stated counsel for the Company did not object to the resetting the hearing dates. The Company also advised the Commission that it had not yet provided notice to its customers or published notice of the hearing date.

Staff's Request is reasonable and should be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the hearing in this matter scheduled to begin on December 10, 2013, at 10:00 a.m., is vacated.

1 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the hearing in this matter shall begin on December 19,
 2 2013, at 10:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as practical, at the Commission's offices, Room 222, 400
 3 West Congress, Tucson, Arizona, and shall continue on December 20, 2013, if necessary.

4 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Company shall provide public notice of the hearing in
 5 this matter, in the following form and style with the heading in no less than 14-point bold type and
 6 the body in no less than 10-point regular type:

7 **PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING ON THE**
 8 **RATE APPLICATION OF**
 9 **LAS QUINTAS SERENAS WATER CO.**
 10 **Docket No. W-01583A-13-0117**

11 On April 26, 2013, Las Quintas Serenas Water Co. ("Company") filed an application
 12 with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") for an increase in annual
 13 revenues of \$106,895, an approximate 18.35 percent increase in annual revenue over
 14 its October 2011 through September 2012 revenues. Under the rates proposed by the
 15 Company, a residential customer with a 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter and average usage of
 16 9,845 gallons per month would experience a monthly increase of \$7.81, or 21.10
 17 percent, from \$37.04 to \$44.85. Customers using less or more than the average per
 18 month will experience a lower or higher percent increase depending on their
 19 usage. Under the Company's proposal, other rate class customers would
 20 experience varying percentage increases depending on their class and usage.

21 If you have any questions concerning how the Company's rate proposal will affect
 22 your bill or have other substantive questions about this application, you may contact
 23 the Company at: [COMPANY SHOULD INSERT NAME, ADDRESS,
 24 TELEPHONE NUMBER, AND E-MAIL ADDRESS FOR CUSTOMER
 25 CONTACTS CONCERNING THE APPLICATION].

26 The Commission's Utilities Division Staff has not yet made a recommendation
 27 regarding the Company's rate increase proposal, and the Commission will determine
 28 the appropriate rate relief to be granted based on the evidence of record in this
 proceeding. The Commission is not bound by the proposals made by the Company,
 Staff, or any intervenors and the final rates approved in this docket may be lower or
 higher than the rates described above.

29 **How You Can View or Obtain a Copy of the Rate Proposal**

30 Copies of the application and proposed tariffs are available at the Company's offices
 31 [INSERT ADDRESS] and at the Commission's Docket Control Center at 1200 West
 32 Washington, Phoenix, Arizona, and its Tucson offices, 400 West Congress, Suite 218,
 33 Tucson, Arizona, and on the internet via the Commission website ([/www.azcc.gov/](http://www.azcc.gov/))
 34 using the e-Docket function.

35 **Public Hearing Information**

36 **THE COMMISSION WILL HOLD A HEARING ON THIS MATTER**
 37 **BEGINNING DECEMBER 19, 2013, AT 10:00 A.M., AT THE COMMISSION'S**
 38 **OFFICES, ROOM 222, 400 WEST CONGRESS, TUCSON, ARIZONA.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS WILL BE TAKEN AT THE BEGINNING OF THE
HEARING. Written public comments may be submitted by mailing a letter

1 referencing Docket No. W-01583A-13-0117 to Arizona Corporation Commission,
 2 Consumer Services Section, 1200 West Washington, Phoenix, AZ 85007, or by email.
 3 For a form to use and instructions on how to e-mail comments to the Commission, go
 4 to <http://www.azcc.gov/divisions/utilities/forms/PublicCommentForm.pdf>. If you
 5 require assistance, you may contact the Consumer Services Section at 1 (800) 222-
 6 7000, (602) 542-4251, or (520) 628-6550.

4 **About Intervention**

5 The law provides for an open public hearing at which, under appropriate
 6 circumstances, interested parties may intervene. Any person or entity entitled by law
 7 to intervene and having a direct and substantial interest in the matter will be permitted
 8 to intervene. If you wish to intervene, you must file the original and 13 copies of a
 9 written motion to intervene with the Commission no later than **September 30, 2013**,
 10 and mail a copy of the motion to the Company or its counsel and to all parties of
 11 record. Your motion must contain the following:

- 12 1. Your name, address, and telephone number and the name, address and
 13 telephone number of any party upon whom service of documents is to
 14 be made, if not yourself.
- 15 2. A short statement of your interest in the proceeding (e.g., a customer of
 16 the Company, a shareholder of the Company, etc.).
- 17 3. A statement certifying that you have mailed a copy of the motion to
 18 intervene to the Company or its counsel and to all parties of record in
 19 the case.

20 The granting of motions to intervene shall be governed by A.A.C. R14-3-105, except
 21 that all motions to intervene must be filed on or before September 30, 2013. If
 22 representation by counsel is required by Rule 31 of the Rules of the Arizona Supreme
 23 Court, intervention will be conditioned upon the intervenor obtaining counsel to
 24 represent the intervenor. For information about requesting intervention, visit the
 25 Commission's website at
 26 <http://www.azcc.gov/divisions/utilities/FORMS/interven.pdf>. The granting of
 27 intervention, among other things, entitles a party to present sworn evidence at the
 28 hearing and to cross-examine other witnesses. However, failure to intervene will not
 preclude any interested person or entity from appearing at the beginning of the hearing
 and providing public comment on the application or from filing written comments in
 the record of the case.

21 **ADA/Equal Access Information**

22 The Commission does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission to its
 23 public meetings. Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation
 24 such as a sign language interpreter, as well as request this document in an alternative
 25 format, by contacting the ADA Coordinator Shaylin Bernal, E-mail
 26 SABernal@azcc.gov, voice phone number (602) 542-3931. Requests should be made
 27 as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.

28 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Company shall mail to each of its customers a copy of
 this notice by **July 26, 2013**, and shall cause it to be published at least once in a newspaper of general
 circulation in its service territory, with **publication** to be completed no later than **July 26, 2013**.

1 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Company shall **file a certification of mailing and**
2 **publication no later than August 16, 2013.**

3 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that notice shall be deemed complete upon mailing and
4 publication notwithstanding the failure of an individual customer to read or receive the notice.

5 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that **all other dates and filing deadlines stated in the June 14,**
6 **2013, Procedural Order remain unchanged.**

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

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

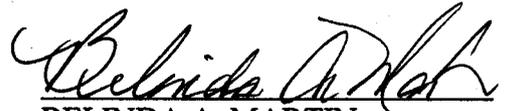
13 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the time periods specified herein shall not be extended
14 pursuant to Rule 6(a) or (e) of the Arizona Rules of Civil Procedure.

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

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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 26th day of June, 2013.

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7 BELINDA A. MARTIN
8 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

9 Copies of the foregoing mailed
10 this 26th day of June, 2013 to:

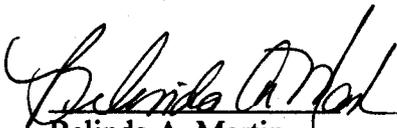
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