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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
PAYSON WATER CO., INC. FOR
AUTHORITY TO ISSUE EVIDENCE OF
INDEBTEDNESS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO
EXCEED \$1,238,000 IN CONNECTION WITH
INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS TO
THE UTILITY SYSTEM; AND ENCUMBER
REAL PROPERTY AND PLANT AS
SECURITY FOR SUCH INDEBTEDNESS.

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**STAFF'S RESPONSE TO
MOTION TO EXPEDITE**

The Utilities Division ("Staff") of the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission"), hereby files its response to the Payson Water Company ("Payson" or "Company") Motion to Consolidate Proceedings and Request for Expedited Procedural Schedule ("Motion"). Staff does not oppose the Company's request for consolidation, but opposes the Company's request to expedite the entire proceeding. Further, Staff would request a procedural conference be convened to discuss scheduling.

As the Company has noted, Payson has recently discovered a way to build a new water transmission line to connect its Mesa del Caballo System. Because of the constant water shortages, Payson must purchase water and haul it to the Mesa del Caballo community. The proposal, as set forth by the Company in its testimony in support of its Motion, would end the shortage of water and eliminate the water augmentation surcharge presently being assessed. Instead of expediting the entire schedule, Staff would propose expediting its response to the Company's request for financing (which would include a surcharge) to commence the building of the transmission line. The Company has indicated that it needs \$250,000 to build the transmission line with the Town of Payson. Staff proposes to complete its Staff Report for the financing related to the transmission line in mid-...

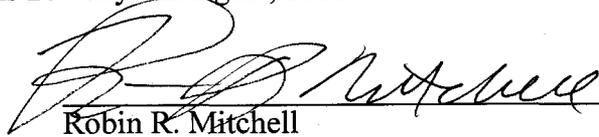
1 September, 2013 and proposes a hearing for October, 2013, with the goal of having a recommended
2 opinion and order prepared for the November 2013 Open Meeting.

3 Staff opposes the Company's request for an expedited schedule for the rate case and would
4 propose the following schedule:

	Current schedule	Proposed new schedule
5 Staff's direct	October 16	October 30
6 Company Rebuttal	November 8	November 22
7 Staff Surrebuttal	November 22	December 18
8 Company Rejoinder	December 4	December 30
9 Prehearing 10 Conference	December 6	Any day the week of January 6, 2014
11 Hearing	December 9	Starts Monday January 13 2014

12 Staff further requests that the timing for the notice as set forth in the Procedural Order be
13 moved until September 30, 2013.

14 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 20th day of August, 2013.

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