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DOCKET NO. SW-03437A-13-0292

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF VERDE SANTA FE WASTEWATER CO., INC., AN ARIZONA CORPORATION, FOR A DETERMINATION OF THE FAIR VALUE OF ITS UTILITY PLANTS AND PROPERTY AND FOR INCREASES IN ITS WASTEWATER RATES AND CHARGES FOR UTILITY SERVICE BASED THEREON.

PROCEDURAL ORDER

BY THE COMMISSION:

On August 30, 2013, Verde Santa Fe Wastewater Co., Inc. ("VSF" or "Company") filed with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") an application requesting an order establishing the fair value of its plant and property used to provide wastewater utility services and approving permanent rates and charges designed to produce a fair return thereon. VSF asserted that its current rates and charges, established in Decision No. 60779 (April 8, 1998), are inadequate to provide VSF a fair rate of return on the fair value of its plant and property devoted to public water utility service. VSF asserted that for its test year ending December 31, 2012 ("TY"), it had adjusted gross revenues of \$479,551, an adjusted operating loss of \$3,950, and a fair value rate base ("FVRB") of \$421,336, resulting in a rate of return of negative 0.94 percent. VSF requested an increase in revenues of \$65,213, or 13.60 percent, and asserted that this increase would result in a rate of return on its FVRB of 11.00 percent.

On September 5, 2013, VSF filed several corrected Schedule H pages.

On September 11, 2013, the Commission's Hearing Division received and docketed an anonymous comment concerning VSF's application.

On September 16, 2013, VSF filed a Notice of Errata correcting a statement on the first page of its application regarding VSF's ownership and correcting a Schedule H page.

1 On September 27, 2013, the Commission's Utilities Division ("Staff") issued a Letter of
2 Sufficiency indicating that VSF's application had met the sufficiency requirements as outlined in the
3 Arizona Administrative Code ("A.A.C.") R14-2-103 and that VSF had been classified as a Class C
4 utility.

5 On October 10, 2013, a Rate Case Procedural Order was issued establishing a procedural
6 schedule in this matter, including a pre-hearing conference to be held on March 26, 2014, and a
7 hearing to commence on March 31, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. and to continue, if necessary, at 9:00 a.m. on
8 April 1, 2014. The schedule also required VSF to provide public notice of the hearing through
9 mailing and publication by November 15, 2013.

10 On November 5, 2013, VSF and Staff filed a Stipulated Request to Modify Procedural
11 Schedule.

12 On November 7, 2013, by Procedural Order, the Stipulated Request was granted, although the
13 March 31, 2014, date was retained for public comment because it was not known whether VSF had
14 provided public notice of that hearing date. VSF was directed to make a filing as to the status of such
15 notice.

16 On November 19, 2013, VSF filed a Request to Vacate and Reset March 31, 2014 Public
17 Comment Session. VSF states therein that it did not provide public notice of the March 31, 2014,
18 hearing date.

19 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the public comment session scheduled for **March 31,**
20 **2014,** at 10:00 a.m. is hereby **vacated.**

21 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that public comment will be taken on the first day of hearing,
22 May 5, 2014.

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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 20th day of November, 2013.

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7 SARAH N. HARPRING
8 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

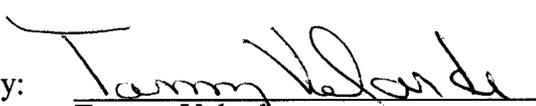
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