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BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION C.

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In the matter of the Application of EPCOR Water Arizona, Inc., for a determination of the current fair value of its utility plant and property and for increases in its rates and charges for utility service by its Mohave Water District, Paradise Valley Water District, Sun City Water District, Tubac Water District, and Mohave Wastewater District.

Docket No. ^{WS} ~~SW~~-01303A-14-0010

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RESPONSE AND RECOMMENDATION TO THE

RUCO'S REQUEST

TO CHANGE PROCEDURAL CONFERENCE DATE

Marshall Magruder does not object to the RUCO request to change the Procedural Conference currently scheduled for September 16, 2014. The monthly SCVCC Meeting will be held Monday morning, September 15; thus he will be available to participate telephonically either afternoon, on September 12 or September 15.

The ongoing case now includes EPCOR water administrative districts. Another docket (W/SW-01303A-09-0343) now includes the EPCOR wastewater districts. On 8 August 2014, EPCOR filed in the 09-0343 case, its plan to file a "consolidated" wastewater rate schedule for ALL wastewater administrative districts. This EPCOR filing presents detailed arguments that describe the numerous and significant benefits of rate consolidation for these ratepayers, the Company and accounting required by both Staff and RUCO. Similar rate consolidation factors also pertain to EPCOR's water administrative districts.

Applying rate consolidation for ALL administrative districts also complies with the requirements of the Arizona Constitution, Title XV, Section 12, that requires charges (rates) to be just and reasonable and shall not discriminate between "persons and places for rendering a like contemporaneous service."

1 Previously, on 25 April 2015, Mr. Magruder requested that a consolidated water rate
2 schedule be included in the present docket to comply with Commission Decision and Order
3 No. 71410 of 8 December 2009 on page 78.¹ The Commission ordered that the “next” rate
4 case to include consolidated water and waste water rate schedules with customer town-hall
5 dialog sessions in ALL service areas prior to hearings as described my 25 April filing.

6 RUCO has now requested 120-day procedural schedule delay in order to obtain data
7 necessary to determine the revenue requirements for EPCOR and is the subject of the
8 procedural conference. These 120-days provide more than adequate time and opportunity for
9 EPCOR to comply with the Order No. 71410 in the current, e.g., the “next rate case” for these
10 water administrative districts.
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12 It is RECOMMENDED, as the Company’s revenue requirements are being determined,
13 that EPCOR make proper notice, that EPCOR conduct the town-hall meetings, that EPCOR
14 collect feedback, and that EPCOR provide a consolidated rate schedule in the ongoing
15 “water” case for ALL its water administrative districts during these proceedings.
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17 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 9th day of September 2014.
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¹ The Administrative Law Judge subsequently denied this request.

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