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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF  
TONTO BASIN WATER CO., INC. FOR  
APPROVAL OF AN ADJUSTMENT IN THE  
EXISTING RATES CHARGED BY THE  
COMPANY.

DOCKET NO. W-03515A-14-0310

**STAFF'S RESPONSE TO REQUEST TO  
MODIFY PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

ORIGINAL

The Utilities Division ("Staff") of the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") files its response to the request made by Tonto Basin Water Co., Inc. ("Tonto" or "Company") to modify the procedural schedule set forth in the November 11, 2014, Rate Case Procedural Order ("Order") issued herein.

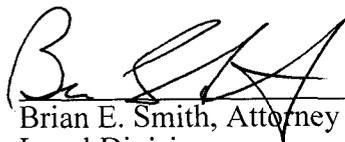
In general, Staff has no objection to two of the three procedural proposals proffered by the Company, i.e., there being no pre-filed testimony required of the parties and providing the parties with an opportunity to request a procedural conference should the issues in dispute so dictate. Similarly, in light of the new classifications which are to take effect in 2015,<sup>1</sup> the size of the Company and the nature of the rate request, Staff would ordinarily have no objection to proceeding without a hearing in this docket. However, notwithstanding the fact that under the new classifications Tonto Basin would be a Class D rather than Class C utility, A.R.S. § 40-250(A) appears to require a hearing as the test-year revenues of the Company are estimated at \$300,000 and, therefore, greater than the \$250,000 threshold provided for therein. Given this, Staff submits that a second public notice pertaining to the hearing would be appropriate.

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<sup>1</sup> See *Rulemaking to Modify A.A.C. R14-2-103 to Update the Utility Classifications, Decision No. 74810 (Nov. 13, 2014)*.

1 Staff would further add that, though the hearing needn't be of a protracted nature, § 40-  
2 250(A) does appear to require that one take place. As a result, Staff does not object to the  
3 Company's alternative suggestion that a procedural conference be set to discuss the appropriate  
4 procedural schedule for this matter.

5 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 19<sup>th</sup> day of December 2014.

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