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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF  
GRANITE MOUNTAIN WATER COMPANY,  
INC. FOR APPROVAL OF A RATE INCREASE.

DOCKET NO. W-02467A-14-0230

PROCEDURAL ORDER

(Continuing Hearing and Reserving  
Current Hearing Date for Public  
Comment)

BY THE COMMISSION:

On June 30, 2014, Granite Mountain Water Company, Inc. ("Granite Mountain" or "Company") filed with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") an application for a rate increase. The application noted that the Company's affiliate Chino Meadows II Water Company ("Chino Meadows II") also filed a rate application in a separate docket (Docket No. W-2370A-14-0231) on the same day. Granite Mountain requested that its application be processed and heard concurrently with Chino Meadows II's application in order to assure that cost allocations will be consistent in the two cases, and stated that to the extent necessary to accommodate the joint processing of the two applications, it waives the timeclock requirements set by the Commission's rules.

On July 24, 2014, the Commission's Utilities Division ("Staff") filed a Letter of Deficiency.

On July 25, 2014, Staff filed a Notice of Deficiency.

On August 8, Staff docketed a Notice of Filing indicating Staff's agreement to an extension of the deadline for correcting deficiencies in the application to August 25, 2014.

On August 25, 2014, Granite Mountain filed a Response to Letter of Deficiency.

On September 8, 17, and 18, 2014, Granite Mountain filed letters and supplemental documents.

On September 19, 2014, Staff filed a Letter of Sufficiency indicating that Granite Mountain's

1 application met the sufficiency requirements of Arizona Administrative Code (“A.A.C.”) R14-2-103,  
2 and classifying Granite Mountain as a Class D Utility.

3 On September 23, 2014, a Procedural Order was issued suspending the timeclock in this  
4 matter as agreed to by the Company in order to accommodate the joint processing of this application  
5 with the Chino Meadows II rate application, and setting a procedural conference for October 2, 2014,  
6 for the purpose of discussing the preparation for and conduct of the concurrent proceedings.

7 On October 2, 2014, a procedural conference was convened as scheduled. Granite Mountain,  
8 Chino Meadows II, and Staff appeared through counsel and discussed procedural issues.

9 On October 7, 2014, a Rate Case Procedural Order was issued setting a hearing to commence  
10 on May 5, 2015, and establishing associated procedural deadlines to accommodate the parties’  
11 requests for extended discovery timeframes.

12 On December 10, 2014, Granite Mountain filed an Affidavit of Publication.

13 On December 12, 2014, Granite Mountain filed an Affidavit of Customer Notice.

14 Intervention has been granted to Tim Carter.

15 On February 11, 2015, Staff and Granite Mountain jointly filed a Stipulation to Extension for  
16 Time (“Stipulation”), requesting that the hearing be continued to July 7, 2015. In the Stipulation,  
17 Staff and Granite Mountain state that due to unanticipated delays in the Company’s provision of plant  
18 documentation to Staff, the Company and Staff have agreed that it would be in the interest of judicial  
19 economy to extend the dates for filing testimony and all other related calendar events, other than the  
20 deadline for interventions, which has already passed, for two months.

21 No objection has been filed. The request is reasonable, and Staff and the Company’s joint  
22 request should be granted.

23 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the **hearing** in this matter currently scheduled to  
24 commence on **May 5, 2015**, is hereby **continued** to commence on **July 14, 2015, at 10:00 a.m., or**  
25 **as soon thereafter as is practical**, in Hearing Room No. 1 at the Commission’s offices, 1200 West  
26 Washington, Phoenix, Arizona 85007, and shall continue, if necessary, on such other dates as are  
27 determined if needed.

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1 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that **public comment** on the rate application shall be taken on  
2 the publicly noticed date of **May 5, 2015, at 10:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as is practical**, in  
3 Hearing Room No. 1 at the Commission's offices, 1200 West Washington, Phoenix, Arizona 85007.

4 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a **pre-hearing conference** shall be held on **July 8, 2015, at**  
5 **2:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as is practical, at the Commission's offices, Hearing Room No. 1,  
6 1200 West Washington, Phoenix, Arizona 85007, for the purpose of scheduling witnesses and  
7 discussing the conduct of the hearing. The pre-hearing conference shall be held concurrently with the  
8 pre-hearing conference in Docket No. W-02370A-14-0231.

9 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the **Staff Report/direct testimony and associated**  
10 **exhibits** to be presented at hearing by **Staff** shall be reduced to writing and filed on or before **May**  
11 **11, 2015**.

12 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the **direct testimony and associated exhibits** to be  
13 presented at hearing by **intervenors** shall be reduced to writing and filed on or before **May 11, 2015**.

14 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the **rebuttal testimony and associated exhibits** to be  
15 presented at hearing by **Granite Mountain** shall be reduced to writing and filed on or before **June 8,**  
16 **2015**.

17 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the **surrebuttal testimony and associated exhibits** to be  
18 presented at hearing by **Staff and intervenors** shall be reduced to writing and filed on or before **June**  
19 **29, 2015**.

20 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the **rejoinder testimony and associated exhibits** to be  
21 presented at hearing by **Granite Mountain** shall be reduced to writing and filed on or before **July 6,**  
22 **2015**.

23 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that **all testimony** filed shall include a **table of contents** listing  
24 the issues discussed.

25 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that **all filings shall be made by 4:00 p.m.** on the date the  
26 filing is due, unless otherwise indicated.

27 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that **the parties shall prepare, jointly or individually, and**  
28 **bring to the pre-hearing conference, copies of an issues matrix** setting forth all disputed issues in

1 the case, the position of each party on each disputed issue, whether the disputed issue remains in  
2 dispute or has been resolved, and the manner in which it was resolved.

3 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that **any objections to prefiled testimony or exhibits shall be**  
4 **made before or at the July 8, 2015**, pre-hearing conference.

5 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any **substantive corrections, revisions, or supplements**  
6 **to prefiled testimony**, with the exception of rejoinder testimony, shall be reduced to writing and filed  
7 no later than five calendar days before the witness is scheduled to testify. Substantive corrections,  
8 revisions, or supplements to prefiled rejoinder testimony shall be reduced to writing and presented on  
9 the first day of hearing.

10 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any motion filed in this matter, other than a motion to  
11 intervene, that is not ruled upon by the Commission within 20 calendar days of the filing date of the  
12 motion shall be deemed denied.

13 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any response to a motion, other than a motion to intervene,  
14 shall be filed within five calendar days of the filing date of the motion.

15 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any reply related to a motion shall be filed within five  
16 calendar days of the filing date of the response to the motion.

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

20 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all parties must comply with Arizona Supreme Court Rules  
21 31, 38 and 42 and A.R.S. § 40-243 with respect to practice of law and admission *pro hac vice*.

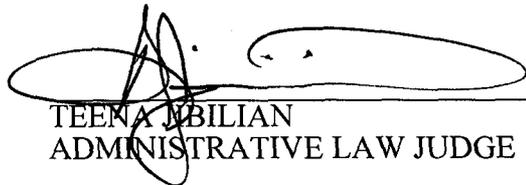
22 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that withdrawal of representation must be made in compliance  
23 with A.A.C. R14-3-104(E) and Rule 1.16 of the Rules of Professional Conduct (under Arizona  
24 Supreme Court Rule 42). Representation before the Commission includes appearances at all hearings  
25 and procedural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

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1 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that each party to this matter may opt to receive service of all  
2 Procedural and Recommended Orders issued by the Commission's Hearing Division in this matter  
3 via e-mail rather than U.S. Mail, as permitted under A.A.C. R14-3-107(B). To exercise this option, a  
4 party shall send to hearingsdivision@azcc.gov, from the e-mail address at which the party desires to  
5 receive service, an e-mail request including the name of the party on whom service is to be made and  
6 the docket number for this matter. After a party receives an e-mail confirmation of its request from  
7 hearingsdivision@azcc.gov, the party will receive all future Procedural and Recommended Orders  
8 issued by the Hearing Division in this matter via e-mails to the address provided by the party, unless  
9 and until the party withdraws its request. Service of a document via e-mail shall be considered  
10 complete upon the sending of an e-mail containing the document to the e-mail address provided by a  
11 party, regardless of whether the party receives or reads the e-mail containing the document.

12 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Administrative Law Judge may rescind, alter, amend,  
13 or waive any portion of this Procedural Order either by subsequent Procedural Order or by ruling at  
14 hearing.

15 DATED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015.

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17 TEENA JIBILIAN  
18 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

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