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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ARIZONA WATER COMPANY, AN ARIZONA CORPORATION, FOR A DETERMINATION OF THE FAIR VALUE OF ITS UTILITY PLANT AND PROPERTY, AND FOR ADJUSTMENTS TO ITS RATES AND CHARGES FOR UTILITY SERVICE FURNISHED BY ITS WESTERN GROUP AND FOR CERTAIN RELATED APPROVALS.

DOCKET NO. W-01445A-15-0277

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING
AND PUBLICATION
OF NOTICE**

A procedural order (the "Procedural Order") entered by presiding Administrative Law Judge Sarah N. Harpring on September 28, 2015, directed Arizona Water Company (the "Company") to provide public notice of the hearing scheduled in this matter by mailing a copy to each of its customers (as a bill insert) of the public notice provided, in form and style, in the Procedural Order. The Company was also ordered to publish the notice at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in each of its Western Group service areas, with mailing and publication to be completed no later than October 30, 2015.

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED THAT:

1. On the dates indicated in the table attached to this Certificate of Notice as Exhibit A, the Company caused a copy of the public notice set forth in the Procedural Order to be published in the service area newspapers listed in Exhibit A. Affidavits of Publication for these notices are attached to this Certificate of Notice as Exhibits B through E, respectively.

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1 ORIGINAL and fifteen (15) copies of the foregoing filed this 17th day of November, 2015, with:

2 Docket Control
Arizona Corporation Commission
3 1200 West Washington Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

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5 I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing documents on all parties of record in this proceeding by delivering a copy thereof in person to:

6 Dwight D. Nodes
Arizona Corporation Commission
7 1200 West Washington Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

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9 Janice Alward
Arizona Corporation Commission
1200 West Washington Street
10 Phoenix, Arizona 85007

11 Thomas M. Broderick
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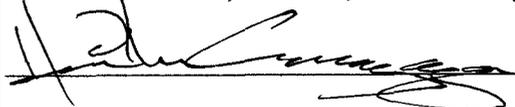
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14 I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing documents on all parties of record in this proceeding by email or mailing a copy thereof, properly addressed, with first class postage to:

15 Daniel W. Pozefsky, Chief Counsel
Residential Utility Consumer Office
16 1110 West Washington Street, Suite 220
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

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18 COASH & COASH
1802 North 7th Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85006

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20 Michele Van Quathem
Ryley Carlock & Applewhite
One North Central, Suite 1200
21 Phoenix, Arizona 85004-4417
mvq@rcalaw.com
22 *Attorney for Abbott Laboratories*

23 Dated at Phoenix, Arizona, this 17th day of November, 2015.

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EXHIBIT A

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**ARIZONA WATER COMPANY
WESTERN GROUP RATE CASE
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**NEWSPAPER PUBLICATION
INFORMATION**

Exhibit	System	Newspaper	Publication Date
B	Ajo	Ajo Copper News	October 13, 2015
C	Casa Grande Arizona City Stanfield Tierra Grande	Casa Grande Dispatch	October 7, 2015
D	Coolidge	Coolidge Examiner	October 7, 2015
E	White Tank Buckeye Goodyear Litchfield Park	West Valley View	October 13, 2015

EXHIBIT B

Ajo Copper News

Hollister David, Publisher
Gabrielle David, Editor
Michelle Pacheco, Office Manager

P. O. Box 39 • Ajo, Arizona 85321
Phone (520) 387-7688
FAX (520) 387-7505

STATE OF ARIZONA)
 ss.
COUNTY OF PIMA ,

Hollister David deposes and says that he is the publisher of the *Ajo Copper News*, a weekly newspaper of general circulation and established character, published weekly at Ajo, Pima County, Arizona, and that

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Publ. October 13, 2015

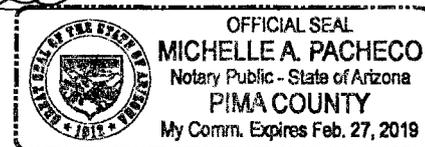


Hollister David, Publisher,
Ajo Copper News

Sworn to and subscribed before me, a Notary Public in and for the County of Pima, Arizona, this **13** day of **October, 2015**.



Notary Public



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Affidavit of Publication

RUTH A. KRAMER first being duly sworn deposes and says: That he/she is a native born citizen of the United States of America, over 21 years of age, that I am an agent and/or publisher of the Casa Grande Dispatch, a daily newspaper published at Casa Grande, Pinal County, Arizona, Tuesday through Sunday of each week; that a notice, a full, true and complete printed copy of which is hereunto attached, was printed in the regular edition of said newspaper, and not in a supplement thereto, for ONE issues. The first publication thereof having been on the

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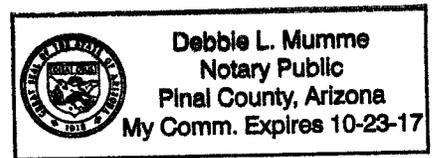
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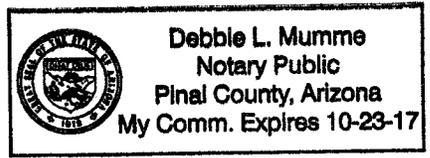
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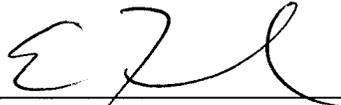
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State of Arizona

County of Maricopa

I, Elliott Freireich, publisher of West Valley View and West Valley Business, newspapers of general circulation in Avondale, Buckeye, Goodyear, Litchfield Park and Tolleson, Arizona, attest that the legal advertisement for

Arizona Water Company
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Elliott Freireich
President, West Valley View Inc.

October 13, 2015
Date

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME ON THE
13 DAY OF October (Month), 2015 (YEAR)

NOTARY SIGNATURE: Rene Leeann Hartmann



RENE LEEANN HARTMANN
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My Commission Expires
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The actual percentage rate increase for individual customers would vary depending upon the system and the type and quantity of service provided.

The Commission's Utilities Division ("Staff") is in the process of reviewing and analyzing the Application, and has not yet made a recommendation regarding AWC's requests. The Commission will issue a Decision regarding AWC's Application following consideration of testimony and evidence presented by all parties at an evidentiary hearing. **THE COMMISSION IS NOT BOUND BY THE PROPOSALS MADE BY AWC, STAFF, OR ANY INTERVENORS, AND THE FINAL RATES APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION MAY BE HIGHER, LOWER, OR DIFFERENT THAN THE RATES PROPOSED BY AWC OR BY OTHER PARTIES.**

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