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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
ASH FORK DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION,
INC., DOING BUSINESS AS ASH FORK
WATER SERVICE FOR A RATE INCREASE.

DOCKET NO. W-01004B-15-0313

MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE

The Utilities Division ("Staff") of the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") moves to consolidate Docket No. W-01004B-15-0313 (In the matter of the application of Ash Fork Development Association, Inc. d.b.a. Ash Fork Water Service), for approval of an increase in rates and charges, with Docket No. W-01004B-15-0342 (In the matter of the application of Ash Fork Development Association, Inc. d.b.a. Ash Fork Water Service) for approval of certain financing. A separate motion is being filed in each of these dockets.

On September 1, 2015 Ash Fork Development Association, Inc. doing business as Ash Fork Water Service ("Ash Fork or "Company") filed the above-captioned general rate case application ("Rate Case Application"). The Application was amended on October 15, 2015, and Staff docketed a letter of sufficiency on October 27, 2015.

In its Rate Case Application, the Company, using a test year ending December 31, 2014, listed a number of factors that have arisen since its last rate case that required Ash Fork to file a rate case. The Company listed several projects that have increased its cost of operation, and specifically stated that:

"(the) Primary reason for this case is for the necessary funds to install and operate the Arsenic treatment plant we need." (Application, page 4A).

The Company also stated that it intended to file a financing application with the Commission within two weeks of the filing of its rate application. Subsequently, on September 30, 2015 the ...

1 Company filed a new financing application ("Financing Application"). At Section 1.3 of the
2 Financing Application, the Company stated that:

3 "Proceeds from financing will be used to purchase a new arsenic treatment plant. It is
4 Estimated at \$125,000. With an additional \$25,000 estimated for installation,
5 including Building and existing plant modification requirements." (Financing
Application, page 4.)

6 It is clear that Ash Fork's Applications are directly related. Staff and Company resources for
7 analyzing each case, submitting and analyzing responses to data requests, responding to data
8 requests, preparing and filing testimony, etc., will be needed in each case. These facts support Staff's
9 request to consolidate the Ash Fork cases; the Commission's should consider the Applications as one
10 proceeding.

11 Staff therefore requests that the Administrative Law Judge consolidate Dockets Nos. W-
12 01044B-15-0313 and W-01004B-15-0342.

13 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 9th day of December, 2015.

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