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BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ASH
FORK DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.,
D/B/A ASH FORK WATER SERVICE FOR A RATE
INCREASE.

DOCKET NO. W-01004B-15-0313

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ASH
FORK DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.
D/B/A ASH FORD WATER SERVICE FOR
APPROVAL OF A FINANCING APPLICATION.

DOCKET NO. W-01004B-15-0342

PROCEDURAL ORDER

BY THE COMMISSION:

On September 1, 2015, in Docket No. W-01004B-15-0313 ("Rate Docket"), Ash Fork Development Association, Inc. d/b/a Ash Fork Water Service ("Ash Fork" or "Company") filed with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") an application for a permanent rate increase utilizing a test year ending December 31, 2014.

On September 30, 2015, in Docket No. W-01004B-15-0342 ("Financing Docket"), Ash Fork filed an application requesting authorization to incur long-term debt from the Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona ("WIFA") in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 for the purpose of constructing an arsenic treatment plant at Well No. 2.

On October 1, 2015, in the Rate Docket, the Commission's Utilities Division ("Staff") filed a Letter of Deficiency stating that the rate application did not meet the sufficiency requirements outlined in Arizona Administrative Code ("A.A.C.") R14-2-103.

On October 8, 2015, in both dockets, Ash Fork filed letters certifying that notices of the rate application and financing application were mailed to all customers of record by means of an insert in their October water bill.

On October 15, 2015, in the Rate Docket, Ash Fork filed an amendment to its rate application.

On October 27, 2015, in the Rate Docket, Staff filed a Letter of Sufficiency stating that the rate

1 application, as amended, had met the sufficiency requirements outlined in A.A.C. R14-2-103, and
2 classifying Ash Fork as a Class D Utility.

3 On December 9, 2015, Staff filed a Motion to Consolidate in each of the two dockets, requesting
4 a procedural order to consolidate the Rate Docket and Financing Docket. According to Staff, the issues
5 presented in both dockets are directly related and consolidation would conserve resources. The
6 Company did not file an objection to the motion.

7 On December 11, 2015, in the Rate Docket, Ash Fork filed an amendment to its rate application.

8 On December 21, 2015, a Procedural Order was issued consolidating the Rate Docket and
9 Financing Docket.

10 On January 11, 2016, Staff filed its Staff Report recommending approval of the applications,
11 subject to certain terms and conditions.

12 On January 25, 2016, Ash Fork filed its comments to the Staff Report and requested Staff to
13 provide a response thereto.

14 On February 4, 2016, a Procedural Order was issued directing Staff to file a response to the
15 Company's comments no later than February 19, 2016.

16 On February 19, 2016, Staff filed its Response to the Company's comments.

17 On March 25, 2016, the Administrative Law Judge assigned to this matter filed a Recommended
18 Opinion and Order for the Commission's consideration and final disposition.

19 On April 11, 2016, Ash Fork filed a request to supplement its rate application with 2015 year-
20 end financial data.

21 Under the circumstances, it is reasonable and appropriate to schedule a telephonic procedural
22 conference to discuss the Company's request and other procedural matters.

23 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that a **telephonic procedural conference** in the above-
24 captioned matter shall commence on **April 19, 2016, at 10:00 a.m.**, or as soon thereafter as is practical,
25 by calling: **1-800-689-9374, passcode 415962#**.

26 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the **timeclock** for issuing a Decision in this matter is hereby
27 **suspended**.

28 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all parties must comply with Arizona Supreme Court Rules

1 31, 38, and 42 and Arizona Revised Statutes § 40-243 with respect to the practice of law and admission
2 *pro hac vice*.

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

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

12 DATED this 12th day of April, 2016.



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15 SCOTT M. HESLA
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

16 Copies of the foregoing mailed/delivered
17 this 12th day of April, 2016 to:

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