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## BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF LIBERTY UTILITIES (LITCHFIELD PARK WATER & SEWER) CORP., AN ARIZONA CORPORATION, FOR AUTHORITY TO (1) ISSUE EVIDENCE OF INDEBTEDNESS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$30,000,000; AND (2) ENCUMBER ITS REAL PROPERTY AND PLANT AS SECURITY FOR SUCH INDEBTEDNESS.

DOCKET NO: SW-01428A-17-0078

## MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE

Liberty Utilities (Litchfield Park Water & Sewer) Corp. ("Liberty Litchfield Park" or "Company") hereby files this Motion to Consolidate the above-captioned matter with the financing application filed by the Company in Docket No. W-01427A-17-0077, and the rate applications filed by the Company in Docket Nos. SW-01428A-17-0058 and W-01427A-17-0059.

Consolidation of the above-referenced rate proceedings and financing dockets is warranted because the issues are inextricably linked. Liberty Litchfield Park has used the debt subject to its financing applications in the capital structures in the rate applications,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A similar motion has been filed in each of the dockets subject to this request for consolidation.

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and a capital structure with debt is more balanced than a capital structure without the debt. In addition, consolidation would result in administrative efficiency and administrative economy as only one proceeding will be necessary to decide four separate but interrelated applications.

Publication/mailing of the public notices regarding the Company's financing applications are currently due March 27, 2017. It would be preferable for the Company to send out one notice, advising the customers of all proceedings at the same time. Thus, the Company further requests that new notice requirements be addressed if this motion to consolidate is granted.

Based on the foregoing, Liberty Litchfield Park asks that the Commission issue an order granting the request for consolidation of its rate applications with its financing applications.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 20th day of March, 2017.

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