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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF LIBERTY UTILITIES (LITCHFIELD PARK WATER & SEWER) CORP., AN ARIZONA CORPORATION, FOR A DETERMINATION OF THE FAIR VALUE OF ITS UTILITY PLANTS AND PROPERTY AND FOR INCREASES IN ITS WASTEWATER RATES AND CHARGES FOR UTILITY SERVICE BASED THEREON.

DOCKET NO. SW-01428A-17-0058

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF LIBERTY UTILITIES (LITCHFIELD PARK WATER & SEWER) CORP., AN ARIZONA CORPORATION, FOR A DETERMINATION OF THE FAIR VALUE OF ITS UTILITY PLANTS AND PROPERTY AND FOR INCREASES IN ITS WATER RATES AND CHARGES FOR UTILITY SERVICE BASED THEREON.

DOCKET NO. W-01427A-17-0059

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. W-01427A-17-0077

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

PROCEDURAL ORDER

BY THE COMMISSION:

On February 28, 2017, Liberty Utilities (Litchfield Park Water & Sewer) Corp. (“Liberty Litchfield Park” or “Company”) filed with the Arizona Corporation Commission (“Commission”), in Docket No. SW-01428A-17-0058, an application requesting that the Commission establish the fair

1 value of its plant and property used for the provision of public wastewater utility service and, based on
2 such finding, approve permanent rates and charges for utility service designed to produce a fair return
3 thereon (“Wastewater Rate Docket”).

4 On that same date, Liberty Litchfield Park filed with the Commission, in Docket No. W-
5 01427A-17-0059, an application requesting that the Commission establish the fair value of its plant
6 and property used for the provision of public water utility service and, based on such finding, approve
7 permanent rates and charges for utility service designed to produce a fair return thereon (“Water Rate
8 Docket”).

9 On March 17, 2017, Liberty Litchfield Park filed with the Commission, in Docket No. W-
10 01427A-17-0077, an application requesting authority from the Commission to issue evidence of
11 indebtedness in a total amount not to exceed \$30,000,000 (“Water Finance Docket”).

12 On that same date, Liberty Litchfield Park filed with the Commission, in Docket No. SW-
13 01428A-17-0078, an application requesting authority from the Commission to issue evidence of
14 indebtedness in a total amount not to exceed \$30,000,000 (“Wastewater Finance Docket”).

15 On March 20, 2017, Liberty Litchfield Park filed Motions to Consolidate in both Rate Dockets
16 and both Finance Dockets. The Company state that by consolidating all four proceedings, resources
17 would be better utilized as the dockets are “inextricably linked.”

18 On that same date, Residential Utility Consumer Office (“RUCO”) filed an Application to
19 Intervene. No opposition to RUCO’s intervention request was received.

20 On March 23, 2017, a Procedural Order was issued regarding consent to email.

21 The matters in the above captioned dockets are substantially related, and the rights of the parties
22 will not be prejudiced by consolidation. The interests of judicial efficiency and administrative
23 economy warrant consolidation of these matters.

24 The Commission generally directs a utility to provide public notice of a financing application
25 to its customers within ten (10) days of filing the application.¹ Because of the consolidation, however,
26 a hearing will be held and public notice of the hearing will be required. Once the rates applications are

27 ¹ Arizona Revised Statute § 40-302(A) requires notice of a financing application to be given to the public, and the
28 Commission’s Utilities Division directs that such notice should be provided to customers within 10 days of filing a
financing application.

1 found sufficient, Liberty Litchfield Park will be required to provide public notice of the rate impact,
2 hearing date, and other deadlines, and such notice will also include information regarding Liberty
3 Litchfield Park's financing applications. With provision of the combined notice, the notice
4 requirements for all applications will be met.

5 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that **Docket Nos. SW-01428A-17-0058, W-01427A-17-0059,**
6 **W-01427A-17-0077, and SW-01428A-17-0078 are hereby consolidated for purposes of resolving**
7 **the issues raised in each docket.**

8 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that **RUCO is hereby granted intervention.**

9 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that each party or prospective party shall **refer to the Procedural**
10 **Order Regarding Consent to Email Service** issued in this matter on **March 23, 2017** for additional
11 information regarding the process to consent to service by email. Information regarding Consent to
12 Email Service is also available on the Commission's website (www.azcc.gov) by clicking on "Email
13 Service Consent."

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

17 DATED this 31st day of March, 2017.

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23 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
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1 On this 31st day of March, 2017, the foregoing document was filed with Docket Control as a
2 Procedural Order – Regarding Consolidation, and copies of the foregoing were mailed on behalf of the
3 Hearing Division to the following who have not consented to email service. On this date or as soon as
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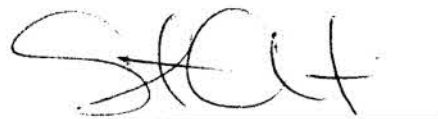
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