



| 1  | BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION RECOMMISSION           AZ CORP COMMISSION           COMMISSIONERS           DOCKET CONTROL |  |                                |
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| 2  | <u>COMMISSIONERS</u>  | DOCKET CONTROL   | Arizona Corporation Commission |
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| 5  | ANDY TOBIN  |  | DOCKETED BY                    |
| 6  | BOYD W. DUNN  |  | <u> </u>                       |
| 7  | IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF<br>LIBERTY UTILITIES (LITCHFIELD PARK   | DOCKET NO. SW-   | 01428A-17-0058                 |
| 8  | WATER & SEWER) CORP., AN ARIZONA<br>CORPORATION, FOR A DETERMINATION OI   | F  |                                |
| 9  | THE FAIR VALUE OF ITS UTILITY PLANTS A<br>PROPERTY AND FOR INCREASES IN ITS   | AND  |                                |
| 10 | WASTEWATER RATES AND CHARGES FOR<br>UTILITY SERVICE BASED THEREON.  |  |                                |
| 11 | IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF   | DOCKET NO. W-0   | 1427A-17-0059                  |
| 12 | LIBERTY UTILITIES (LITCHFIELD PARK<br>WATER & SEWER) CORP., AN ARIZONA  |  |                                |
| 13 | CORPORATION, FOR A DETERMINATION OF THE FAIR VALUE OF ITS UTILITY PLANTS A  |  |                                |
| 14 | PROPERTY AND FOR INCREASES IN ITS<br>WATER RATES AND CHARGES FOR UTILITY  | Y  |                                |
| 15 | SERVICE BASED THEREON.  | DOCKET NO. W-0   | 1427A-17-0077                  |
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| 25 | BY THE COMMISSION:  | 13. li)  |                                |
| 26 | On February 28, 2017, Liberty Utilities (Litchfield Park Water & Sewer) Corp. ("Liberty                                   |  |                                |
| 27 | Litchfield Park" or "Company") filed with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission"), in                           |  |                                |
| 28 | Docket No. SW-01428A-17-0058, an application  | Docket No. SW-01428A-17-0058, an application requesting that the Commission establish the fair |                                |
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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").

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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 stated 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.

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

21 On March 29, 2017, the Commission's Utilities Division ("Staff") issued a Letter of Sufficiency 22 stating that Liberty Litchfield Park's application had met the sufficiency requirements of Arizona 23 Administrative Code ("A.A.C.") R14-2-103 and that the Company had been classified as a Class A 24 utility.

25 On March 31, 2017, a Procedural Order was issued consolidating the above referenced dockets 26 and granting RUCO's intervention.

27 Pursuant to A.A.C. R14-3-109, the Commission now issues this Procedural Order to govern the 28 preparation and conduct of this proceeding.

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| 1  | IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the hearing in these consolidated matters shall                         |  |
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| 2  | commence on January 8, 2018, at 10:00 a.m., at the Commission's offices, 1200 West Washington        |  |
| 3  | Street, Hearing Room No. 1, Phoenix, Arizona 85007.  |  |
| 4  | IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the parties shall also reserve January 9-12, 2018, for                    |  |
| 5  | additional days of hearing, as necessary.  |  |
| 6  | IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a pre-hearing conference shall be held on January 5, 2018,                |  |
| 7  | at 10:00 a.m., at the Commission's offices.  |  |
| 8  | IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Staff Report/direct testimony and associated exhibits                 |  |
| 9  | on issues other than rate design to be presented at hearing by Staff shall be reduced to writing and |  |
| 10 | filed on or before October 30, 2017.   |  |
| 11 | IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the direct testimony and associated exhibits on issues                    |  |
| 12 | other than rate design to be presented at hearing by an intervenor shall be reduced to writing and   |  |
| 13 | filed on or before October 30, 2017.   |  |
| 14 | IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that direct testimony by Staff and intervenors on rate design                  |  |
| 15 | issues shall be filed on or before November 6, 2017.   |  |
| 16 | IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the rebuttal testimony and associated exhibits to be                      |  |
| 17 | presented at hearing by Liberty Litchfield Park shall be reduced to writing and filed on or before   |  |
| 18 | November 27, 2017.   |  |
| 19 | IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the surrebuttal testimony and associated exhibits to be                   |  |
| 20 | presented at hearing by Staff or intervenors shall be reduced to writing and filed on or before      |  |
| 21 | December 18, 2017.   |  |
| 22 | IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the rejoinder testimony and associated exhibits to be                     |  |
| 23 | presented at hearing by Liberty Litchfield Park shall be reduced to writing and filed on or before   |  |
| 24 | December 28, 2017.   |  |
| 25 | IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all testimony filed shall include a table of contents listing             |  |
| 26 | the issues discussed.  |  |
| 27 | IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all filings shall be made by 4:00 p.m. on the date the filing             |  |
| 28 | is due, unless otherwise indicated.  |  |

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the parties shall prepare, jointly or individually, and bring to the pre-hearing conference, copies of an issues matrix/matrices setting forth all disputed issues in the case, the position of each party on each disputed issue, whether the disputed issue remains in dispute or has been resolved, and the manner in which it was resolved.

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any objections to prefiled testimony or exhibits shall be made before or at the January 4, 2018, pre-hearing conference.

7 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that intervention shall be in accordance with A.A.C. R14-3-105,
8 except that all motions to intervene must be filed on or before August 11, 2017.

9 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that discovery shall be as permitted by law and the rules and 10 regulations of the Commission, except that until **December 4, 2017**, any objection to discovery 11 requests shall be made within 7 calendar days of receipt<sup>1</sup> and responses to discovery requests shall be 12 made within 10 calendar days of receipt. Thereafter, objections to discovery requests shall be made 13 within 5 calendar days and responses shall be made within 7 calendar days. The response time may be 14 extended by mutual agreement of the parties involved if the request requires an extensive compilation 15 effort.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that for discovery requests, objections, and answers, if a receiving
 party requests service to be made electronically, and the sending party has the technical capability to
 provide service electronically, service to that party shall be made electronically.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, in the alternative to filing a written motion to compel discovery, any party seeking resolution of a discovery dispute may telephonically contact the Commission's Hearing Division to request a date for a procedural hearing to resolve the discovery dispute; that upon such a request, a procedural hearing will be convened as soon as practicable; and that the party making such a request shall forthwith contact all other parties to advise them of the hearing date and shall at the hearing provide a statement confirming that the other parties were contacted.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>27</sup> The date of receipt of discovery requests is not counted as a calendar day, and requests received after 4:00 p.m. Arizona time will be considered as received the next business day.

<sup>28 &</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The parties are encouraged to attempt to settle discovery disputes through informal, good-faith negotiations before seeking Commission resolution of the controversy.

| 1  | IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any substantive corrections, revisions, or supplements to   |
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| 2  | prefiled testimony, with the exception of rejoinder testimony, shall be reduced to writing and filed no  |
| 3  | later than five calendar days before the witness is scheduled to testify.  |
| 4  | IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any motion filed in this matter, other than a motion to   |
| 5  | intervene, that is not ruled upon by the Commission within 20 calendar days of the filing date of the  |
| 6  | motion shall be deemed denied.   |
| 7  | IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any response to a motion, other than a motion to intervene,   |
| 8  | shall be filed within five calendar days of the filing date of the motion.   |
| 9  | IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any reply related to a motion shall be filed within five  |
| 10   | calendar days of the filing date of the response to the motion.  |
| 11   | IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Liberty Litchfield Park shall, by July 7, 2017, send a copy   |
| 12   | of the following notices to each of its current Water and Wastewater customers by First Class U.S. mail  |
| 13   | and have the above notice <b>published</b> in a newspaper of general circulation in its service territory.   |
| 14   | IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that for its Wastewater customers, Liberty Litchfield Park   |
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| 15   | shall provide public notice of the hearing in this matter, in the following form and style, with the   |
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| 1<br>2 | by \$3,496,801, or 30.06 percent over test year revenues of \$11,633,954. For information about how Liberty Litchfield Park's revenue increase would affect your individual bill, you may contact Liberty Litchfield Park at [LIBERTY LITCHFIELD PARK INSERT APPROPRIATE CONTACT INFORMATION HERE]. |
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| 4      | The Commission's Utilities Division ("Staff") is in the process of auditing and<br>analyzing the applications, and has not yet made any recommendations regarding<br>Liberty Litchfield Park's proposed rate increase or financing application. The   |
| 5      | Commission will determine the appropriate relief to be granted based on the evidence<br>of record in the proceeding. THE COMMISSION IS NOT BOUND BY THE   |
| 6      | PROPOSALS MADE BY LIBERTY LITCHFIELD PARK, STAFF, OR ANY<br>INTERVENORS; THEREFORE, THE FINAL RATES APPROVED BY THE   |
| 7<br>8 | COMMISSION MAY DIFFER FROM AND MAY BE HIGHER OR LOWER<br>THAN THE RATES REQUESTED BY LIBERTY LITCHFIELD PARK OR<br>RECOMMENDED BY OTHER PARTIES.  |
| 9      | How You Can View or Obtain a Copy of the Rate Proposal  |
| 10     | Copies of the application and proposed rates are available from Liberty Litchfield Park<br>[LIBERTY LITCHFIELD PARK INSERT HOW AND WHERE AVAILABLE]   |
| 11     | and at the Commission's Docket Control Center at 1200 West Washington Street,<br>Phoenix, Arizona, for public inspection during regular business hours, and on the  |
| 12     | Internet via the Commission's website (www.azcc.gov) using the e-Docket function.   |
| 13     | Arizona Corporation Commission Public Hearing Information<br>The Commission will hold a hearing on these matters beginning January 8, 2018, at  |
| 14     | 10:00 a.m., at the Commission's offices Hearing Room No. 1, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007. Public comments will be taken on the first day of  |
| 15     | hearing.  |
| 16     | Written public comments may be submitted by mailing a letter referencing Docket Nos. SW-01428A-17-0058/SW-01428A-17-0078 to Arizona Corporation Commission,   |
| 17     | Consumer Services Section, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007, or by submitting comments on the Commission's website (www.azcc.gov) using the "Submit   |
| 18     | a Public Comment" function. If you require assistance, you may contact the Consumer Services Section at 602-542-4251 or 1-800-222-7000.   |
| 19     | About Intervention  |
| 20     | The law provides for an open public hearing at which, under appropriate circumstances, interested persons may intervene. An interested person may be granted intervention if  |
| 21     | the outcome of the case will directly and substantially impact the person, and the person's intervention will not unduly broaden the issues in the case. Intervention,  |
| 22     | among other things, entitles a party to present sworn evidence at hearing and to cross-<br>examine other parties' witnesses. However, failure to intervene will not preclude any  |
| 23     | interested person or entity from appearing at the hearing and providing public comment<br>on the application or from filing written comments in the record of the case.   |
| 24     | To request intervention, you must file an original and 13 hard copies of a written  |
| 25     | request to intervene with Docket Control, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ<br>85007, no later than August 11, 2017. You also must serve a copy of the request to  |
| 26     | intervene on each part of record, on the same day that you file the request to intervene<br>with the Commission. Information about intervention and sample intervention requests  |
| 27     | are available on the Commission's website ( <u>www.azcc.gov</u> ) using the "Intervention in<br>Utility Cases" link.  |
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| 1        | Your request to intervene must contain the following:   |  |  |
| 2        | 1. Your name, address, and telephone number and the name, address, and telephone number of any person upon whom service of documents is to be made, if not yourself;  |  |  |
| 3        | 2. A reference to Docket Nos. SW-01428A-17-0058 and SW-01428A-17-0078;  |  |  |
| 4        | 3. A short statement of your interest in the proceeding (e.g., a customer or  |  |  |
| 5<br>6   | potential customer of Liberty Litchfield Park, a member or shareholder of<br>Liberty Litchfield Park, etc.) and how you will be directly and substantially<br>affected by the outcome of the case, and why your intervention will not unduly<br>broaden the issues in the case; |  |  |
| 7        | 1970 Friday Social 2 (state 190 or Stock 2019 1965 - Horosak 1999) 18 (state 217 ♥  |  |  |
| 8        | <ol> <li>A statement certifying that a copy of the motion to intervene has been mailed<br/>to Liberty Litchfield Park or its counsel and to all parties of record in the case;<br/>and</li> </ol>   |  |  |
| 10       | 5. If you are not represented by an attorney who is an active member of the Arizona State Bar, and is not an individual representing himself or herself, information  |  |  |
| 11       | and any appropriate documentation demonstrating compliance with Arizona Supreme Court Rules 31, 38, and 42, as applicable.  |  |  |
| 12       | The granting of motions to intervene shall be governed by A.A.C. R14-3-105, except that <u>all motions to intervene must be filed on or before August 11, 2017</u> . If representation by counsel is required by Arizona Supreme Court Rule 31, intervention                    |  |  |
| 13       |   |  |  |
| 14       | will be conditioned upon the intervenor obtaining counsel to represent the intervenor.  |  |  |
| 15       | ADA/Equal Access Information<br>The Commission does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission to its<br>public meetings. Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation  |  |  |
| 16<br>17 | such as a sign language interpreter, as well as request this document in an alternative format, by contacting the ADA Coordinator, Kaci Cannon, E-mail KCannon@azcc.gov, voice phone number 602-542-3931. Requests should be made as early as possible to                       |  |  |
| 18       | allow time to arrange the accommodation.  |  |  |
| 19       | IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that for its Water customers, Liberty Litchfield Park shall   |  |  |
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finding, approve permanent rates and charges for utility service designed to produce a fair return thereon. On March 17, 2017, Liberty Litchfield Park filed with the Commission, in Docket No. W-01427A-17-0077, an application requesting authority from the Commission to issue evidence of indebtedness for Liberty Litchfield Park customers in a total amount not to exceed \$30,000,000.

Liberty Litchfield Park requests authorization to increase its water rates to generate total revenues of \$15,044,724. This would constitute an increase in revenues by \$1,533,896, or 11.35 percent over test year revenues of \$13,510,828. For information about how Liberty Litchfield Park revenue increase would affect your individual bill, you may contact Liberty Litchfield Park at [LIBERTY LITCHFIELD PARK INSERT APPROPRIATE CONTACT INFORMATION HERE].

The Commission's Utilities Division ("Staff") is in the process of auditing and analyzing the applications, and has not yet made any recommendations regarding Liberty Litchfield Park's proposed rate increase or financing application. The Commission will determine the appropriate relief to be granted based on the evidence of record in the proceeding. THE COMMISSION IS NOT BOUND BY THE PROPOSALS MADE BY LIBERTY LITCHFIELD PARK, STAFF, OR ANY INTERVENORS; THEREFORE, THE FINAL RATES APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION MAY DIFFER FROM AND MAY BE HIGHER OR LOWER THAN THE RATES REQUESTED BY LIBERTY LITCHFIELD PARK OR RECOMMENDED BY OTHER PARTIES.

How You Can View or Obtain a Copy of the Rate Proposal

Copies of the application and proposed rates are available from Liberty Litchfield Park [LIBERTY LITCHFIELD PARK INSERT HOW AND WHERE AVAILABLE] and at the Commission's Docket Control Center at 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona, for public inspection during regular business hours, and on the Internet via the Commission's website (www.azcc.gov) using the e-Docket function.

### Arizona Corporation Commission Public Hearing Information

The Commission will hold a hearing on these matters beginning January 8, 2018, at 10:00 a.m., at the Commission's offices Hearing Room No. 1, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007. Public comments will be taken on the first day of hearing.

Written public comments may be submitted by mailing a letter referencing Docket Nos. W-01427A-17-0059 and W-01427A-17-0077 to Arizona Corporation Commission, Consumer Services Section, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007, or by submitting comments on the Commission's website (<u>www.azcc.gov</u>) using the "Submit a Public Comment" function. If you require assistance, you may contact the Consumer Services Section at 602-542-4251 or 1-800-222-7000.

## 24 About Intervention

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The law provides for an open public hearing at which, under appropriate circumstances, interested persons may intervene. An interested person may be granted intervention if the outcome of the case will directly and substantially impact the person, and the person's intervention will not unduly broaden the issues in the case. Intervention, among other things, entitles a party to present sworn evidence at hearing and to crossexamine other parties' witnesses. <u>However, failure to intervene will not preclude any interested person or entity from appearing at the hearing and providing public comment on the application or from filing written comments in the record of the case.</u> To request intervention, you must file an original and <u>13</u> hard copies of a written request to intervene with Docket Control, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007, no later than August 11, 2017. You also must serve a copy of the request to intervene on each part of record, on the same day that you file the request to intervene with the Commission. Information about intervention and sample intervention requests are available on the Commission's website (<u>www.azcc.gov</u>) using the "Intervention in Utility Cases" link.

- Your request to intervene <u>must</u> contain the following:
- 1. Your name, address, and telephone number and the name, address, and telephone number of any person upon whom service of documents is to be made, if not yourself;
  - 2. A reference to Docket Nos. W-01427A-17-0059 and W-01427A-17-0077;
- 3. A short statement of your interest in the proceeding (e.g., a customer or potential customer of Liberty Litchfield Park, a member or shareholder of Liberty Litchfield Park, etc.) and how you will be directly and substantially affected by the outcome of the case, and why your intervention will not unduly broaden the issues in the case;
- 4. A statement certifying that a copy of the motion to intervene has been mailed to Liberty Litchfield Park or its counsel and to all parties of record in the case; and
- If you are not represented by an attorney who is an active member of the Arizona State Bar, and is not an individual representing himself or herself, information and any appropriate documentation demonstrating compliance with Arizona Supreme Court Rules 31, 38, and 42, as applicable.

The granting of motions to intervene shall be governed by A.A.C. R14-3-105, except that <u>all motions to intervene must be filed on or before August 11, 2017</u>. If representation by counsel is required by Arizona Supreme Court Rule 31, intervention will be conditioned upon the intervenor obtaining counsel to represent the intervenor.

19 ADA/Equal Access Information

The Commission does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission to its public meetings. Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation such as a sign language interpreter, as well as request this document in an alternative format, by contacting the ADA Coordinator, Kacie Cannon, E-mail KCannon@azcc.gov, voice phone number 602-542-3931. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.

- <sup>23</sup> IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Liberty Litchfield Park shall, by July 24, 2017, file
- <sup>24</sup> certification of mailing and publication of the above notices.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that notice shall be deemed complete upon mailing and

<sup>26</sup> publication, notwithstanding the failure of an individual to read or receive the notice.

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Ex Parte Rule (A.A.C. R14-3-113 - Unauthorized
 Communications) applies to this proceeding and shall remain in effect until the Commission's Decision
 in this matter is final and non-appealable.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all parties must comply with Arizona Supreme Court Rules
31, 38, 39, and 42 and A.R.S. § 40-243 with respect to practice of law and admission *pro hac vice*.<sup>3</sup>

6 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that withdrawal of representation must be made in compliance 7 with A.A.C. R14-3-104(E) and Rule 1.16 of the Rules of Professional Conduct (under Arizona 8 Supreme Court Rule 42). Representation before the Commission includes appearances at all hearings 9 and procedural conferences, as well as all Open Meetings for which the matter is scheduled for 10 discussion unless counsel has previously been granted permission to withdraw by the Administrative 11 Law Judge or the Commission.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the time periods specified herein shall not be extended
 pursuant to Rule 6(a) or (e) of the Rules of Civil Procedure.

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

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> If a corporation is not represented by an attorney authorized to practice law in Arizona in a proceeding before the Commission, an officer of the corporation may represent the entity as long as the board of directors has authorized such person to represent it in the matter and such representation is not the person's primary duty to the entity, but secondary or incidental to other duties relating to the management or operation of the entity, and such person is not receiving separate or additional compensation for such representation. See Arizona Supreme Court Rule 31(d)(13). The Commission requires entities to docket evidence of board authorization.

| 1        | IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Administrative Law Judge may rescind, alter, amend, or            |
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| 2        | waive any portion of this Procedural Order either by subsequent Procedural Order or by ruling at |
| 3        | hearing.   |
| 4        | DATED this $13^{44}$ day of April, 2017.   |
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On this 13th day of April, 2017, the foregoing document was filed with Docket Control as a 1 Procedural Order - Schedules a Hearing, and copies of the foregoing were mailed on behalf of the Hearing Division to the following who have not consented to email service. On this date or as soon as 2 possible thereafter, the Commission's eDocket program will automatically email a link to the foregoing 3 to the following who have consented to email service. 4 Jay Shapiro SHAPIRO LAW FIRM, P.C. 5 1819 E. Morten Avenue, Suite 280 Phoenix, Arizona 85020 6 Attorneys for Liberty Utilities 7 (Litchfield Park Water & Sewer) Corp. jay@shapslawaz.com 8 whitney@shapslawaz.com Todd.Wiley@libertyutilities.com 9 **Consented to Service by Email** 10 Daniel W. Pozefsky Chief Counsel 11 Residential Utility Consumer Office 1110 W. Washington, Suite 220 12 Phoenix, AZ 85007 Attorneys for Residential Utility Consumer Office 13 Andy Kvesic, Director 14 Legal Division ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION 15 1200 West Washington Street Phoenix, AZ 85007 16 LegalDiv@azcc.gov utildivservicebyemail@azcc.gov 17 **Consented to Service by Email** 18 COASH & COASH, INC. Court Reporting, Video and 19 Videoconferencing 1802 North 7th Street 20 Phoenix, AZ 85006 Not a party, mailed as a courtesy 21 22 Tallman By: 23 Rebecca Tallman Assistant to Sasha Paternoster 24 25 26 27 28