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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ARIZONA WATER COMPANY, AN ARIZONA CORPORATION, FOR A DETERMINATION OF THE FAIR VALUE OF ITS UTILITY PLANT AND PROPERTY AND FOR ADJUSTMENTS TO ITS RATES AND CHARGES FOR UTILITY SERVICE FURNISHED BY ITS NORTHERN GROUP AND FOR CERTAIN RELATED APPROVALS.

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RATE CASE
PROCEDURAL ORDER

BY THE COMMISSION:

On August 1, 2012, Arizona Water Company ("AWC") filed with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") an application requesting adjustments to its rates and charges for utility service provided by its Northern Group water systems, including its Navajo (Lakeside and Overgaard) and Verde Valley (Sedona, Pinewood, and Rimrock) water systems. AWC's rate application uses a test year ending December 31, 2011. In addition to requesting an overall increase in revenue, AWC's application proposes extension of its arsenic cost recovery mechanism ("ACRM") authorization, approved for the Sedona and Rimrock water systems in Decision No. 66400 (October 16, 2003), to the Navajo water systems; full rate consolidation of the Sedona system's rates with those of the other Verde Valley systems; authorization to implement a Distribution System Improvement Charge ("DSIC") for its Northern Group systems; and authorization to implement Off-Site Facilities Fees of \$1,100 and up for new service connections in the Sedona water system's service area. The application also mentions continued authorization of a MAP surcharge.

On August 30, 2012, the Commission's Utilities Division ("Staff") filed a Letter of Sufficiency stating that AWC's rate application had met the sufficiency requirements outlined in

1 Arizona Administrative Code ("A.A.C.") R14-2-103 and that AWC had been classified as a Class A
2 Utility.

3 On September 11, 2012, a Procedural Order was issued scheduling a procedural conference to
4 be held on September 18, 2012, for the purpose of discussing the scheduling for this matter.

5 On September 12, 2012, the Residential Utility Consumer Office ("RUCO") filed an
6 Application to Intervene.

7 On September 18, 2012, the procedural conference was held as scheduled, at the
8 Commission's offices in Phoenix, Arizona. AWC, Staff, and RUCO appeared through counsel, and
9 RUCO was granted intervention without objection. The scheduling for this matter was discussed,
10 and it was determined that the pre-hearing conference for this matter will be held on May 10, 2013,
11 and that the hearing in this matter will commence on May 13, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. and continue, as
12 necessary, starting at 9:00 a.m., on May 16-17 and May 20-24, 2013. Dates were also established for
13 the filing of testimony and of any settlement agreement.

14 The procedural schedule was memorialized in a Procedural Order issued on September 19,
15 2012.

16 Since that time, the Commission's Open Meeting schedule has been modified such that May
17 14 and 15, 2013, are no longer Open Meeting dates. In light of this, and to allow for greater
18 continuity in the process of the hearing in this matter, it is reasonable and appropriate to schedule the
19 hearing in this matter to proceed on those dates.

20 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the **hearing** in this matter shall commence as scheduled
21 on **May 13, 2013, at 10:00 a.m.**, in Hearing Room No. 1, at the Commission's offices at 1200 West
22 Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007, and shall continue, as necessary, at **9:00 a.m. on May**
23 **14 through 17, 2013, and May 20 through 24, 2013.** The hearing shall proceed in Hearing Room
24 No. 1 except on May 23, 2013, when it may proceed in Hearing Room No. 2 or the 2nd Floor
25 Conference Room at the Commission's offices in Phoenix, depending on room availability.

26 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the other provisions of the Procedural Order of September
27 19, 2012, remain in effect.

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

4 DATED this 14th day of February, 2013.

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ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

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