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BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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COMMISSIONERS

- TOM FORESE – Chairman
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- ANDY TOBIN
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- JUSTIN OLSON

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF AJO IMPROVEMENT COMPANY – WASTEWATER DIVISION, FOR AN INCREASE TO ITS AUTHORIZED RATES AND CHARGES, FOR A DETERMINATION OF THE FAIR VALUE OF ITS PROPERTY DEVOTED TO WASTEWATER UTILITY SERVICE IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA, AND FOR OTHER RELATED APPROVALS.

DOCKET NO. WS-01025A-17-0361

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF AJO IMPROVEMENT COMPANY – ELECTRIC DIVISION, FOR AN INCREASE TO ITS AUTHORIZED RATES AND CHARGES, FOR A DETERMINATION OF THE FAIR VALUE OF ITS PROPERTY DEVOTED TO ELECTRIC UTILITY SERVICE IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA, AND FOR OTHER RELATED APPROVALS.

DOCKET NO. E-01025A-17-0362

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF AJO IMPROVEMENT COMPANY – WATER DIVISION, FOR AN INCREASE TO ITS AUTHORIZED RATES AND CHARGES, FOR A DETERMINATION OF THE FAIR VALUE OF ITS PROPERTY DEVOTED TO WATER UTILITY SERVICE IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA, AND FOR OTHER RELATED APPROVALS.

DOCKET NO. WS-01025A-17-0363

REVISED RATE CASE
PROCEDURAL ORDER

BY THE COMMISSION:

On December 5, 2017, Ajo Improvement Company (“AIC” or “Company”) – Wastewater Division, filed with the Arizona Corporation Commission (“Commission”) an application for a rate increase under Docket No. WS-01025A-17-0361. AIC also filed a rate application for its Electric Division under Docket No. E-01025A-17-0362, and for its Water Division under Docket No. WS-01025A-17-0363.

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1 On December 15, 2017, Arizona Water Company (“AWC”) filed an Application to Intervene
2 in Docket No. WS-01025A-17-0363, and intervention was granted in a Procedural Order issued
3 December 29, 2017.

4 On January 4, 2018, the Commission’s Utilities Division (“Staff”) docketed a Letter of
5 Sufficiency in each docket stating that the Company’s applications had met the requirements of Arizona
6 Administrative Code (“A.A.C.”) R14-2-103, and classifying AIC as a Class C Utility.

7 Pursuant to a Procedural Order issued January 5, 2018, a concurrent procedural conference was
8 held in each docket on January 16, 2018. The parties were present through counsel. During the
9 procedural conference, AIC requested that the three dockets be consolidated in the interest of
10 efficiency. AWC and Staff did not object to the request.

11 On January 19, 2018, a Procedural Order was issued consolidating the above-captioned dockets.

12 On January 25, 2018, the parties docketed a Joint Motion for Proposed Schedule for Filing
13 Dates and Request for Procedural Order.

14 On January 29, 2018, by Procedural Order, a hearing was set for July 19, 2018.

15 On April 13, 2018, AWC called to state they had spoken with all the parties and were requesting
16 that a telephonic procedural conference be scheduled for Tuesday, April 17, 2018.

17 By Procedural Order issued April 16, 2018, a procedural conference was set for April 17, 2018.

18 On April 17, 2018, the procedural conference was held as scheduled. During the procedural
19 conference, the parties related that they would like to extend the procedural schedule 120 days due to
20 discovery issues. The parties proposed a new hearing date of November 15, 2018, and new filing
21 deadlines.

22 A Procedural Order issued May 7, 2018, reset the hearing date for November 15, 2018, and set
23 new filing deadlines. The Procedural Order set out the form of notice that the Company was to provide
24 to its customers and, among other things, directed AIC to place a copy of the notice of hearing and
25 public comment on its website.

26 On May 18, 2018, AIC docketed its Motion for Modification of Procedural Order, requesting
27 that the requirement that the notice be posted on the Company’s website be eliminated because AIC
28 does not maintain a website.

1 AIC's request is reasonable and should be granted.

2 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the requirement that Ajo Improvement Company post the
3 notice of hearing and public comment on its website is eliminated.

4 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that each party or prospective party shall **refer to the Procedural**
5 **Order Regarding Consent to Email Service** issued in this matter on **December 13, 2017**, for
6 additional information regarding the process to consent to service by email. Information regarding
7 Consent to Email Service is also available on the Commission's website (www.azcc.gov) by clicking
8 on "I Want To" and then "Learn about Consenting to Email Service."

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

15 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all parties must comply with Arizona Supreme Court Rules
16 31, 38, 39, and 42 and A.R.S. § 40-243 with respect to the practice of law and admission *pro hac vice*.

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

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

23 DATED this 24 day of May, 2018.

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26 BELINDA A. MARTIN
27 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
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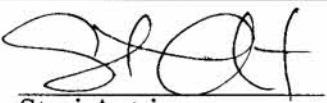
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