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Docket Control
Arizona Corporation Commission
1200 West Washington
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

RE: EPCOR WATER ARIZONA INC. RATE CASE & INTERIM RATE CASE
DOCKET nos. WS-01303A-17-0257 & WS-01303A-19-0011

Commissioners and Interested Parties:

On February 11, 2019, Commissioner Justin Olson docketed a letter requesting that I convene an Open Meeting to discuss the EPCOR Water Arizona Inc. ("EPCOR") permanent rate case (17-0257). At the last Open Meeting at which the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") deliberated and voted on this rate case, the vote resulted in a 2-2 vote i.e., the recommended opinion and order was not adopted and no substitute order was adopted, therefore, no decision was issued and/or signed by the Commissioners.

At this point in time there have been no new amendments filed in the permanent rate case by any Commissioner. Neither has there has been anything filed in the docket indicating that any Commissioner is considering changing his vote on any of the existing amendments or the underlying recommended opinion and order. In addition, EPCOR has filed for interim rates and the hearing has begun in this docket (19-0011).

Filings by Utilities Division Staff and the Commission’s Legal Division in the interim rate case seem to indicate that proceeding with the interim rate case is the appropriate manner in which to proceed at this time. The Commission’s Hearing Division has indicated that the recommended opinion and order for the interim rate case should be ready for the Commission to consider by the end of March. A tentative Open Meeting date has been scheduled for March 28, 2019, for the Commission to deliberate and vote on this.

I thank Commissioner Olson for his desire and attempt to move this matter along, however, based on the above, I believe that scheduling an Open Meeting at this time to consider EPCOR’s permanent rate case would not be fruitful.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Burns
Chairman
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