PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE APPLICATION OF SONOITA VALLEY WATER COMPANY, INC. FOR AN EMERGENCY RATE INCREASE (DOCKET NO. W-20435A-21-0335)

On January 20, 2022, Sonoita Valley Water Company, Inc. ("Company") filed with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") an Application for an emergency rate increase. The Company claims that it is entitled to emergency rate relief to fund expenses incurred to repair a well. The Company is requesting authorization to recover \$19,320.28 in emergency rates by implementing a monthly surcharge in the amount of \$11.03 per customer.

The Commission's Utilities Division ("Staff") is in the process of reviewing and analyzing the Application. Neither Staff nor any intervenor(s) has yet made any recommendation regarding the Association's request. The Commission is not bound by the proposals made by the Association, Staff, or any intervenor(s), and the Commission may approve the amount of the request, modify the amount higher or lower, or deny the request.

If you have any questions concerning how the Application may affect your bill or have other substantive questions about the Application, you may contact the Company at 2015 Forbes Blvd. Suite 107, Tucson AZ 85745.

How You Can View or Obtain a Copy of the Application

Copies of the Application are available from the Company at 2015 Forbes Blvd. Suite 107, Tucson AZ 85745, **Phone** 520-623-5172; at the Commission's Docket Control Center at 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona, during regular business hours; and on the Commission's website (<u>www.azcc.gov</u>) using the e-Docket function.

Arizona Corporation Commission Public Hearing Information

The Commission will hold a full public hearing on this matter. The Commission's Hearing Division will schedule a procedural conference to occur within five business days of the filing of the Application in order to set a public hearing date and establish other procedural requirements.

The Association will provide notice of the hearing date by means of posting notice in a conspicuous location within the affected communities, emailing notice to customers, and/or posting on the Association's website (or by other appropriate means), to allow an opportunity for customers to attend the hearing and provide verbal public comment.

Public comments will be taken on the first day of the hearing. Written public comments may be submitted at any time by mailing a letter referencing **Docket No. W-20435A-21-0335** to Arizona Corporation Commission, Consumer Services Section, 1200 West Washington, Phoenix, AZ 85007, or by submitting comments on the Commission's website (<u>www.azcc.gov</u>) using the "Submit a Public Comment for a Utility" function. If you require assistance, you may contact the Consumer Services Section during regular business hours at 602-542-4251 or 1-800-222-7000.

About Intervention

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 cross-examine other parties' witnesses. Intervention is not required if you want to appear at the hearing and provide public comment on the Application, or if you want to file written comments in the record of the case.

To request intervention, you must file an **original plus one hard copy** of a written request to intervene with Docket Control, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007, no later than **January 31, 2022**. You also **must** serve a copy of the request to intervene on each party of record on the same day that you file the request to intervene with the Commission. **Information about what intervention means, including an explanation of the rights and responsibilities of an intervenor, is available on the Commission's website (<u>www.azcc.gov</u>) using the "Intervention in Utility Cases" link. The link also includes sample intervention requests.**

If you choose to request intervention, your request must 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 No. W-20435A-21-0335;
- 3. A short statement explaining:
 - a. Your interest in the proceeding (e.g., a customer of the Association, etc.);
 - b. How you will be directly and substantially affected by the outcome of the case; and
 - c. Why your intervention will not unduly broaden the issues in the case;
- 4. A statement certifying that you have served a copy of the request to intervene on the Association or its attorney and to all parties of record in the case; and
- 5. If you are not represented by an attorney who is an active member of the Arizona State Bar, and you are not representing yourself as an individual, sufficient information and any appropriate documentation to demonstrate compliance with Arizona Supreme Court Rules 31, 38, 39, and 42, as applicable.

The granting of motions to intervene shall be governed by A.A.C. R14-3-105, except that **all motions to intervene must be filed on or before January 31, 2022.**

If you do not intervene in this proceeding, you may not receive any further notice of the proceedings in this docket. However, all documents filed in this docket are available online (usually within 24 hours after docketing) at the Commission's website (<u>www.azcc.gov</u>) using the e- Docket function. You may choose to subscribe to an RSS feed for this case using the e-Docket function.

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 Carolyn Buck, ADA Coordinator, voice phone number at 602-542-3931, and email at <u>cdbuck@azcc.gov</u>. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.