

BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
GLOBAL WATER - OCOTILLO WATER
COMPANY, INC., AND SPANISH TRAIL WATER
COMPANY TO MODIFY THEIR EXISTING
CERTIFICATES OF CONVENIENCE AND
NECESSITY.

DOCKET NO. W-01816A-25-0137
W-21307A-25-0137

PROCEDURAL ORDER
(Continues a Hearing)

BY THE COMMISSION:

On June 30, 2025, Global Water – Ocotillo Water Company, Inc., (“GW – Ocotillo” or “Company”) and Spanish Trail Water Company (“Spanish Trail” or “Company”) (collectively “Joint Applicants”) filed a Joint Application with the Arizona Corporation Commission (“Commission”) to modify their existing Certificates of Convenience and Necessity (“CC&Ns”). The Joint Applicants seek to transfer a portion of an existing development known as Thunderbird Ranch, currently located within the boundaries of Spanish Trail’s CC&N to GW-Ocotillo.

On July 2, 2025, a Procedural Order regarding consent to email service was issued.

On July 30, 2025, the Commission’s Utilities Division (“Staff”) filed a Joint Request for Extension of Time to Determine Sufficiency.

On August 18, 2025, the Joint Applicants filed an Amended Joint Application.

On September 15, 2025, Staff filed a Sufficiency Letter stating that the Application had met the sufficiency requirements as outlined in Arizona Administrative Code (“A.A.C.”) R14-2-402.

On September 23, 2025, by Procedural Order, a hearing in this matter was scheduled to commence on December 10, 2025, and other procedural deadlines were established.

On October 14, 2025, the Joint Applicants filed a Motion to Continue. In their Motion, the Joint Applicants requested that the hearing be continued until after January 13, 2025, due to a scheduling conflict. The Joint Applicants stated that they conferred with Staff and Staff had no objections, and

1 requested that the Staff Report due date of November 6, 2025, remain as originally scheduled . The
2 Joint Applicants further state that they agree to waive the timeclock.

3 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that **the Joint Applicants' Motion to Continue Hearing is**
4 **hereby granted as set forth herein.**

5 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the **hearing previously scheduled to commence on**
6 **December 10, 2025, is hereby vacated.**

7 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the **hearing** in this matter shall commence on **January 20,**
8 **2026, at 10:00 a.m., at the Commission's offices at 400 W. Congress Street, Tucson, Arizona**
9 **85701.**

10 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the **Staff Report** and associated exhibits to be presented at
11 hearing shall be reduced to writing and filed on or before **November 6, 2025.**¹

12 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any objections or other response to the Staff Report shall be
13 reduced to writing and filed on or before **November 21, 2025.**

14 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that **all filings shall be made by 5:00 p.m.** on the date the filing
15 is due.

16 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that intervention shall be in accordance with A.A.C. R14-3-105,
17 except that **all motions to intervene must be filed on or before December 19, 2025.**

18 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that **discovery** shall be as permitted by law and the rules and
19 regulations of the Commission, except that **until December 19, 2025,** any objection to discovery
20 requests shall be made within 7 calendar days of receipt,² and responses to discovery requests shall be
21 made within 10 calendar days of receipt. Thereafter, objections to discovery requests shall be made
22 within 5 calendar days, and responses shall be made within 7 calendar days. The response time may
23 be extended by mutual agreement of the parties involved.

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

27 ¹ No change from September 23, 2025, Procedural Order.

28 ² 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.

1 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, in the alternative to filing a written motion to compel
 2 discovery, any party seeking resolution of a discovery dispute may telephonically contact the
 3 Commission's Hearing Division to request a date for a procedural conference to resolve the discovery
 4 dispute; that upon such a request, a procedural conference will be convened as soon as practicable; that
 5 the party making such a request shall forthwith contact all other parties to advise them of the date and
 6 time of the procedural conference and shall at the procedural conference provide a statement
 7 confirming that the other parties were contacted and **explaining the good faith efforts made to resolve**
 8 **the discovery dispute, which shall include reasonable attempts at verbal communication either**
 9 **in person or by telephone.**³

10 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that **each party shall, by January 5, 2026, file in this docket a**
 11 **Notice** indicating the manner in which each of the party's representatives and each of the party's
 12 witnesses will participate in the hearing either in-person in Tucson or via WebEx.

13 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that each party shall, by **January 5, 2026, email** to the
 14 Commission's Broadcast Manager Mike Valladao, at MValladao@azcc.gov, **a list of the names and**
 15 **email addresses** of each of the party's representatives and witnesses who will participate in the hearing
 16 via WebEx.

17 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that **each party shall comply with the following requirements,**
 18 **regardless of whether any party or witness is to participate in the hearing remotely:**

- 19 • By **January 13, 2026**, each party shall file in the docket each exhibit that the party anticipates
 20 using at hearing, with each exhibit labeled with the party's abbreviated name, followed by a
 21 dash (such as "A-" for Applicant, "S-" for Staff, and "RUCO-" for RUCO) and then a
 22 consecutive number.
- 23 • By **January 13, 2026**, each party shall file an exhibit list, in table format, including the
 24 following separate columns and the appropriate information for each exhibit the party
 25 anticipates using at hearing:
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 28 ³ The parties are encouraged to attempt to settle discovery disputes through informal, good-faith negotiations before seeking Commission resolution of the controversy.

Exhibit Number	Description	Date filed	Identified	Offered	Admitted	Witness
X-1	X's Application	6/25/2020	Leave Blank	Leave Blank	Leave Blank	Leave Blank
X-2	Testimony of John Doe	7/25/2020	Leave Blank	Leave Blank	Leave Blank	Leave Blank

- By **January 13, 2026**, each party shall provide to all other parties a list of the email addresses for the party's representatives and witnesses, to be used for exchange of late exhibits or other urgent information concerning the hearing.
- Each party shall ensure that one labeled physical copy of each of the party's exhibits is delivered to the Hearing Division for the official record, with the labeled exhibits to be delivered to the Hearing Division no later than 4:00 p.m. on **January 15, 2026**.
- Each party shall ensure that for each subsequently identified exhibit potentially to be used by the party, the following are completed **before** the party uses the exhibit during the hearing:
 - One labeled physical copy is delivered to the Hearing Division;
 - The labeled exhibit is filed in the docket; and
 - A new exhibits table that conforms to the format set forth above, and that starts with the number of the first **new** exhibit, is filed in the docket.
- Each party shall ensure **for each exhibit** that:
 - If the exhibit was created by or for the party, the exhibit **does not include** any font sized **smaller than 8 point**; and
 - The pages of the exhibit are **consecutively numbered**, either with document page numbers or Bates numbering.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that **each party whose representative is participating via WebEx shall comply with the following requirements:**

- At a time designated by the Commission's broadcasting personnel as specified in an emailed WebEx invitation, each party representative planning to participate via videoconference, and who has not successfully participated via videoconference in a prior Commission hearing, shall log into and participate in a brief WebEx test to ensure that the party representative has the technological capability to participate in a proceeding via WebEx.

- At least 15 minutes before the starting time on each day of hearing, each party representative appearing via WebEx shall log into the WebEx event for the day, using the WebEx invitation sent to the party representative by the Commission's broadcasting personnel.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that **each party with a witness testifying via WebEx shall comply with the following requirements:**

- At a time designated by the Commission's broadcasting personnel as specified in an emailed WebEx invitation, each party shall have each witness planning to participate via videoconference, and who has not successfully participated via videoconference in a prior Commission hearing, log into and participate in a brief WebEx test to ensure that the witness has the technological capability to participate in a proceeding via WebEx.
- At least 15 minutes before the starting time on each day of hearing, each party with witnesses testifying via videoconference shall forward the WebEx invitation for the day to each of the party's witnesses who is reasonably expected to testify via WebEx on that day.
- Each party with witnesses testifying via videoconference shall ensure that whenever any of the party's witnesses is expected or scheduled to testify, that party witness is logged into the WebEx event for the day, at least 15 minutes in advance of the time for the witness's expected or scheduled testimony, and has ready access to each exhibit filed by each party up to that time. "Ready access" means that the party's witness is able to view specific pages of an exhibit promptly when requested to do so. *This may require the party representative to provide the party's witness hard copies or downloaded copies of exhibits in advance so that it is not necessary for the party's witness to download them during the hearing.*

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that each party shall ensure that its representatives and witnesses **comply with the requests of the Commission's Broadcast Manager** and broadcasting personnel related to the use of WebEx to participate in the hearing.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a party **may, by January 6, 2026, file a motion** requesting permission for a party representative or witness **to appear telephonically** and explaining the good cause for the request and why the representative's or witness's telephonic appearance will not adversely

1 impact the Commission or any other party to this matter. Any telephonic appearance must be approved
2 by the Administrative Law Judge.

3 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that **all filings shall be made by 5:00 p.m.** on the date the filing
4 is due.

5 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that **the timeclock deadline for issuing a final decision in this**
6 **matter is suspended.**

7 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, **except as modified herein, the September 23, 2025,**
8 **Procedural Order remains in effect.**

9 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any motion, other than a dispositive motion, that is filed in
10 this matter and that is not ruled upon within 20 calendar days of the filing date of the motion shall be
11 deemed denied.

12 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any response to a motion other than a dispositive motion
13 shall be filed within seven calendar days of the filing date of the motion.

14 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any response to a dispositive motion shall be filed within 10
15 calendar days of the filing date of the motion.

16 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any reply to a response shall be filed within five calendar
17 days of the filing date of the response.

18 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that **Global Water – Ocotillo Water Company, Inc. and**
19 **Spanish Trail Water Company shall provide public notice of the hearing** in this matter, in the
20 following form and style, with the heading in no less than 12-point bold type and the body in no less
21 than 10-point regular type:

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING ON GLOBAL WATER – OCOTILLO WATER COMPANY, INC. AND SPANISH TRAIL WATER COMPANY’S JOINT APPLICATION TO MODIFY THEIR EXISTING CERTIFICATES OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY. (DOCKET NOS. W-01816A-25-0137 and W-21307A-25-0137)

Summary

On June 30, 2025, Global Water – Ocotillo Water Company, Inc., (“GW – Ocotillo” or “Company”) Global Water – Ocotillo Water Company, Inc. and Spanish Trail Water Company (“Spanish Trail” or “Company”) (collectively “Joint Applicants”) filed a Joint Application with the Arizona Corporation Commission (“Commission”) to modify their existing Certificates of Convenience and Necessity (“CC&Ns”). The Joint Applicants seek to transfer a portion of an existing development known as Thunderbird Ranch, currently located within the boundaries of Spanish Trail’s CC&N to GW-Ocotillo.

THE COMMISSION IS NOT BOUND BY THE PROPOSALS OF THE JOINT APPLICANTS, STAFF, OR ANY INTERVENORS. THE COMMISSION WILL DETERMINE THE APPROPRIATE RELIEF TO BE GRANTED IN RESPONSE TO THE JOINT APPLICATION BASED ON THE EVIDENCE PRESENTED IN THIS MATTER.

How You Can View or Obtain a Copy of the Application

Copies of the Application are available from **JOINT APPLICANTS INSERT HOW AND WHERE AVAILABLE**]; at the Commission’s Docket Control Center at 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona, and the Commission’s office at 400 West Congress Street, Suite 218, Tucson, Arizona, during regular business hours; and on the Commission website (www.azcc.gov) using the e-Docket function and the Docket Number shown above.

Arizona Corporation Commission Public Hearing Information

The Commission will hold a hearing on this matter beginning **January 20, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.**, at the Commission’s Tucson offices, Room 222, 400 West Congress Street, Tucson, Arizona 85701.

A public comment meeting will be held at the beginning of the hearing, and comments may be provided in person or telephonically. To provide telephonic public comments, call **1-877-309-3457** and enter passcode **24601833204##**.

Written public comments may be submitted by mailing a letter referencing **Docket No. W-01816A-25-0137 and W-21307A-25-0137** to Arizona Corporation Commission, Consumer Services Section, 1200 West Washington, Phoenix, AZ 85007, or by submitting comments on the Commission’s website (www.azcc.gov) by clicking on “Divisions” and then “Hearing,” scrolling down to “eFiling Services,” and clicking on “Make a Public Comment in a Docket.” If you require assistance, you may contact the Consumer Services Section at 602-542-4251 or 1-800-222-7000.

If you do not intervene in this matter, you will receive no further notice of the proceedings in this matter unless you sign up to Follow the Docket. However, all documents filed in this matter are available online (usually within 24 hours after docketing) at the Commission’s website (www.azcc.gov) using the e-Docket function. **Information on how to Follow a Docket is available on the Commission’s website clicking on “Divisions” and then “Hearing” and then “Following a Docket.”**

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 for you to appear at the hearing and provide public comment, to file written comments in the docket for the case, or to receive emailed notice of each filing made in the case by following the docket.**

Information about what intervention means, including an explanation of the rights and responsibilities of an intervenor, is available on the Commission's website (www.azcc.gov) by clicking on "Divisions" and then "Hearing" and then "Intervene in a Case." The information includes a Sample Intervention Request and a Fillable Intervention Request Form.

To request intervention, you must file a written request to intervene, either (a) by filing a hard copy request (meeting filing requirements) with Docket Control (Docket Control, 1200 West Washington, Phoenix, AZ 85007), or (b) by **eFiling** the request. Your request **must be filed or eFiled no later than December 19, 2025**. Instructions and restrictions for eFiling are available on the Commission's website at <http://azcc.gov/hearing/efiling>. 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.

Your request to intervene **must** contain the information below:

1. Your name, address, and telephone number;
2. The docket number for the case in which you are requesting to intervene;
3. A short statement explaining:
 - a. Your interest in the proceeding (e.g., a customer of the regulated company involved, a property owner in an area to be affected by the case, 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 sent a copy of your request to intervene to the regulated company or its attorney and to all other parties of record in the case and showing the names of the parties to whom service was provided and the addresses (which could be email addresses) used; 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 31.1, 31.2, 31.3, 38, 39, and 42, as applicable. This only applies if you are NOT representing yourself and you are not a licensed attorney.

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 **December 19, 2025**.

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 for the Hearing Division, E-mail HearingDivision@azcc.gov, voice phone number 602-542-4250. Requests should be made as early as possible and no later than 48 hours in advance of the event to allow time to arrange the accommodation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that **Global Water – Ocotillo Water Company, Inc. and Spanish Trail Water Company** shall, by **November 21, 2025**, mail the above notice to each of its customers and property owners in the affected service area being transferred, as a bill insert beginning with the first available billing cycle or as a separate mailing, and cause a copy of such notice to be **published at least once in a newspaper/s of general circulation** in the affected service area and post the above notice in a prominent location on their websites, with a link appearing on its main webpage.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that **Global Water – Ocotillo Water Company, Inc. and Spanish Trail Water Company** shall file **certification of notice** as soon as possible after notice has been completed, but no later than **December 30, 2025**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that notice shall be deemed complete upon mailing, publication, and/or posting of same, notwithstanding the failure of an individual customer to read or receive the notice.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that each party or prospective party shall **refer to the Commission’s website (www.azcc.gov)** for information regarding **Consent to Email Service⁴ and how to Follow the Docket⁵**. Information regarding Consent to Email Service is available at <https://www.azcc.gov/hearing/email-service-global-consent>. Information regarding Following a Docket is available at <https://www.azcc.gov/hearing/following-a-docket>.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that **documents may be eFiled** in this docket and that instructions and restrictions for eFiling are available on the Commission’s website at <https://www.azcc.gov/hearing/efiling>.

⁴ Global Consent to Email Service allows a party to consent to receive email service in all cases for which the party is included on the service list, now or in the future. A party can also consent to receive email service in only this case.

⁵ The “Follow a Docket” service allows any person to receive email notice, with a link to the filing, whenever something is filed in the docket. The service can be used to follow one or many dockets.

1 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all parties must comply with Arizona Supreme Court Rules
2 31.1, 31.2, 31.3, 38, 39, and 42 with respect to the practice of law and admission *pro hac vice*.

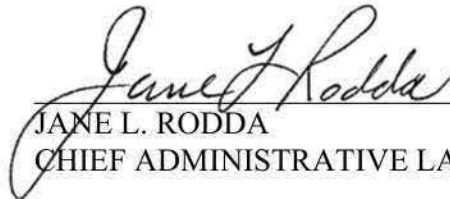
3 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that withdrawal of representation must be made in compliance
4 with A.A.C. R14-3-104(E) and Rule 1.16 of the Rules of Professional Conduct (under Arizona
5 Supreme Court Rule 42). Representation before the Commission includes appearances at all hearings
6 and procedural conferences,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

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

12 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the time periods specified herein shall not be extended
13 pursuant to Rule 6(a)(2) or (c) of the Arizona Rules of Civil Procedure.

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

17 DATED this 14th day of October, 2025.

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20 JANE L. RODDA
21 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
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On this 14th day of October, 2025, the foregoing document was filed with Docket Control as a Procedural Order – Continues 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 possible thereafter, the Commission's eDocket program will automatically email a link to the foregoing to the following who have consented to email service.

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