# PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING ON ROSE VALLEY WATER COMPANY'S APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF A FINANCING APPLICATION AND FOR A DETERMINATION OF THE FAIR VALUE OF ITS UTILITY PLANTS AND PROPERTY AND FOR AN INCREASE IN ITS RATES AND CHARGES FOR UTILITY SERVICE BASED THEREON. (DOCKET NOS. W-01539A-22-0064 AND W-01539A-22-0065)

### **Summary**

On March 8, 2022, Rose Valley Water Company ("Rose Valley" or "Company") filed an application with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") for a determination of the fair value of its utility plants and property and for an increase in its rates and charges for utility service based thereon under Docket No. W-01539A-22-0065 ("Rate Application"). In its Rate Application, the Company is seeking an increase in annual utility operating revenues of \$481,500, or 35.61%, for its water systems. Rose Valley states that the proposed rates for the typical monthly 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter residential bill, with a median usage of 8,468 gallons, would increase from \$27.39 to \$37.07, an increase of \$9.68, or 35.34%.

Also on March 8, 2022, Rose Valley filed an application with the Commission for approval of a financing under Docket No. W-01539A-22-0064 ("Financing Application"). In the Financing Application, the Company requests Commission authorization to borrow \$1,647,036 to finance the construction of utility plant.

In addition to the rate increase, Rose Valley has calculated the proposed monthly surcharge for customers on a 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter for the financing to be approximately \$5.64. Those with a larger meter may have a higher surcharge amount.

Rose Valley's proposed rates and charges, including an approximate \$5.64 surcharge, for a monthly bill for a residential customer served by a 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter, with monthly usage of 8,468 gallons, would increase from \$27.39 to \$42.71, an increase of \$15.32, or 55.93%.

NEITHER THE COMMISSION'S UTILITIES DIVISION ("STAFF") NOR ANY INTERVENOR HAS YET MADE ANY RECOMMENDATION REGARDING ROSE VALLEY'S APPLICATION. THE COMMISSION IS NOT BOUND BY THE PROPOSALS OF COMPANY, STAFF, OR ANY INTERVENORS. THE COMMISSION WILL DETERMINE THE APPROPRIATE RELIEF TO BE GRANTED IN RESPONSE TO ROSE VALLEY'S APPLICATION BASED ON THE EVIDENCE PRESENTED IN THIS MATTER. THE FINAL RATES APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION MAY BE HIGHER, LOWER, OR DIFFERENT THAN THE RATES PROPOSED BY ROSE VALLEY OR BY OTHER PARTIES.

If you have any questions concerning how the Application may affect your bill or other substantive questions about the Application, you may contact **Rose Valley Water Company** at:

Rose Valley Water Company Attn: Lisa Sullivan PO Box 1444 Green Valley, AZ 85622-1444 Telephone: 520-471-5302

E-mail: RVWCcustomercare@gmail.com

## How You Can View or Obtain a Copy of the Application

Copies of the Application are available from **Rose Valley Water Company Website** (<a href="https://rosevalleywaterco.com/proposed-rate-application">https://rosevalleywaterco.com/proposed-rate-application</a>); 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 (<a href="https://www.azcc.gov">www.azcc.gov</a>) using the e-Docket function.

# **Arizona Corporation Commission Public Hearing Information**

The Commission will hold a hearing on this matter beginning **September 22, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.,** at the Commission's offices, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona.

The Commission will take public comment on these matters at the following dates and times, and in the following manner:

| DATE                         | TIME  | MANNER  |
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| Tuesday, August 23, 2022     | 6:00 p.m 8:00 p.m., or<br>until all public comment<br>has been heard, whichever<br>comes first. | Telephonic only: To provide<br>telephonic public<br>comments, call 1-866-705-<br>2554 and enter this code:<br>241497#         |
| Thursday, September 15, 2022 | 6:00 p.m 8:00 p.m., or<br>until all public comment<br>has been heard, whichever<br>comes first. | Telephonic only: To provide<br>telephonic public<br>comments, call 1-866-705-<br>2554 and enter this code:<br>241497#         |
| Thursday, September 22, 2022 | 10:00 a.m., prior to the beginning of the first day of hearing.                                 | In-person and telephonic:<br>To provide telephonic<br>public comments, call 1-<br>866-705-2554 and enter this<br>code:241497# |

Written public comments may be submitted by mailing a letter referencing **Docket No. W-01539A-22-0064**, **et al.** 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 "Cases and Open Meetings" and "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 proceeding, you will receive no further notice of the proceedings in this docket unless you sign up to Follow the Docket. However, all documents filed in this docket are available online (usually within 24 hours after docketing) at the Commission's website (<a href="www.azcc.gov">www.azcc.gov</a>) using the e-Docket function. Information on how to

Follow a Docket is available on the Commission's website by clicking on "Cases and Open Meetings" and "Follow a Docket or Document Type."

# **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 bearing 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 record of 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 (<a href="www.azcc.gov">www.azcc.gov</a>) by clicking on "Cases and Open Meetings" and then clicking on "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 July 2, 2022.** Instructions and restrictions for eFiling are available on the Commission's website at <a href="http://azcc.gov/hearing/efile-for-utilities-instruction">http://azcc.gov/hearing/efile-for-utilities-instruction</a>. 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. If a hearing has not been scheduled, whether and why you believe a hearing is needed;
- 5. 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
- 6. 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. 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 <u>all</u> motions to intervene must be filed on or before **July 2, 2022**.

# **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, Carolyn Buck, E-mail ADACoordinator@azcc.gov, voice phone number 602-542-2247. 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.