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ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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Mayor Greg Stanton
Phoenix City Council
Phoenix City Hall
200 W. Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85003

Dear Honorable Mayor Stanton and the City of Phoenix Council Members,

In a letter dated October 4, 2017, EPCOR Water Arizona, Inc. ("EPCOR") notified the Arizona Commission Staff ("Staff") of its intent to file a request with the Commission for approval of plan that would provide residents of New River and Desert Hills with an alternative source for hauling water to their residences.

On October 30, 2017, EPCOR's planned application was filed under Docket No. WS-01303A-17-0326. Staff reviewed this application and issued a Staff Memorandum and a recommended order and opinion on November 1, 2017, recommending approval of EPCOR's proposal.

At the Commission's November 7, 2017, Open Meeting, the Commission unanimously approved the Application filed by EPCOR that will lead to the construction of a water-delivery standpipe facility to address the emergency situation faced by residents in the New River and Desert Hills areas. The Commission vote and accompanying tariff approval paves the way for EPCOR to move forward with its plan to assure a continuation of water service in the area while also assuring that EPCOR's other customers do not pay the cost associated with building, operating, and maintaining this new water delivery facility.

At its November 15, 2017, Board of Director's Meeting, the Anthem Community Council approved a lease agreement with EPCOR thus confirming the location for the new standpipe facility.

Completing these two steps represent significant milestones in favorably resolving this emergency situation in the New River and Desert Hills areas. With these matters behind us in this collaborative effort, EPCOR now projects that it will take several months to design and complete the required construction. The Commissioners believe that it in order to assure the public health, safety and welfare that the current water hauling arrangements remains available until this new facility is in service. Therefore the Commission urges the City of Phoenix to grant an extension of time to the New River and Desert Hills water haulers until June 1, 2018, with an option to request an additional six months in case EPCOR requires more time to construct the standpipe, before the current water hauling option is terminated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andy M. Tobin".

Andy Tobin
Commissioner