



ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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Commission to Hold Public Comment in APS Rate Settlement

(Phoenix) The Arizona Corporation Commission will hold a series of Public Comment Meetings regarding the settlement in the Arizona Public Service Company (APS) rate case. The agreement includes a rate hike of \$6 per month for the average customer instead of the \$11 it was originally seeking.

APS filed its rate case in June. Thirty of the 40 parties, including Corporation Commission Staff and the Residential Utility Consumer Office (RUCO) agreed to the settlement terms. The agreement still requires a vote by the Commissioners. A vote will take place after public comment hearings and hearings before an Administrative Law Judge allowing stakeholders and interveners to weigh in on the settlement terms.

The first of four Public Comment Hearings will take place Wednesday, March 15th in Douglas, at the City Hall Council Chambers at 425 E. 10th Street from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The next one will be Wednesday March 22nd at 10:00 at the Arizona Corporation Commission's Hearing Room 1 at 1200 W. Washington St. in Phoenix. Two more will soon be scheduled in Yuma and Verde Valley. The time and locations will be posted on Arizona Corporation Commission's website at www.azcc.gov under Open Meeting Calendar and Agendas.

The public can file comments on line at www.azcc.gov and clicking Utilities Division. You can read the entire settlement agreement by going to eDocket and entering docket number E-01345A-16-0036.

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Commission Approves Funds to Help Small Water Company with Critical Infrastructure

(Phoenix) The Arizona Corporation Commission approved emergency funds for a water company in Yavapai County which has been struggling financially and in dire need of infrastructure improvements. It is the first time Commissioners approved allocating funds from the newly formed Small Water Systems Fund.

The fund was established by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality. On recommendation of the Arizona Corporation Commission and the Water Infrastructure Finance Authority (WIFA), money can be allocated to provide emergency grants to companies needing repairs and where providing safe reliable water to residents is in danger.

Acme Water Company, which is divided into four separate public water systems, has experienced more than 44 percent water loss in one system according to its 2015 Annual Report. The company serves approximately 123 customers in mobile home communities northeast of Congress. Commission Staff determined the cause to be serious deterioration of the service lines. The Commission approved an allocation of \$200,914 for repairs. In addition, Walden Meadows Community Cooperative will take on the role of interim manager to help the company with managing the crisis and ensuring reliability in the future.

Most of the residents in those communities are on fixed incomes, so this decision eliminates the need for any rate increases to pay for repairs.

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