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BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

MARCIA WEEKS
Chairman
RENZ D. JENNINGS
Commissioner
DALE H. MORGAN
Commissioner

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
LAS QUINTAS SERENAS WATER COMPANY)
FOR APPROVAL OF AN OFF-SITE)
FACILITIES HOOK-UP FEE TARIFF.)
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DOCKET NO. U-1583-94-265
DECISION NO. 58839
ORDER Arizona Corporation Commission

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Open Meeting
November 2, 1994
Phoenix, Arizona

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FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Las Quintas Serenas Water Company (Las Quintas) is an Arizona corporation engaged in the business of providing public water utility service to approximately 500 customers in and around Santo Tomas (Green Valley area), Arizona, pursuant to authority granted by the Commission.

2. On August 8, 1994, Las Quintas filed an application requesting approval of an Off-site Facilities Hook-up Fee Tariff (hook-up fee or tariff).

3. On August 16, 1994, Las Quintas amended the filing to clarify some of the tariff provisions.

4. On August 31, 1994, the tariff filing was suspended for sixty (60) days.

5. The proposed hook-up fee would be applicable to all new services requiring a main extension to be served by Las Quintas.

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1 6. The proposed tariff would require a fee ranging from
2 \$250.00 to \$10,000.00, depending on the meter size. The tariff
3 would also authorize the collection of gross-up tax ranging from
4 \$125.00 to \$5,000.00.

5 7. The hook-up fee is non-refundable, except for the gross-up
6 tax portion which would be refunded pursuant to Commission Decision
7 No. 55774.

8 8. The proposed tariff would remain in effect until Las
9 Quintas has completely built out its system or until it is
10 rescinded by Commission Order, whichever comes first.

11 9. Hook-up fee funds would be placed in a separate interest
12 bearing account (hook-up fee account) with monies from this account
13 to be spent only to install "off site facilities" as defined in the
14 tariff.

15 10. Any monies remaining in the hook-up fee account after
16 complete build out of the system or at the time the tariff is
17 rescinded by the Commission, would be refunded in a manner to be
18 determined by the Commission at that time.

19 11. The hook-up fee would be in addition to any charges that
20 a customer may otherwise have to pay for on-site plant as part of
21 a main extension agreement.

22 12. Staff has recommended approval of the filing, as amended.

23 13. Staff has further recommended that Las Quintas file a
24 status report each November 1, beginning in 1995, accounting for
25 all hook-up fee funds collected and expended. This status report
26 would contain a list of all persons that have paid the hook-up fee,

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1 the amount each person paid, the amount of money spent from the
2 hook-up fee account, and a list of facilities that have been
3 constructed.

4 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

5 1. Las Quintas is a public service corporation within the
6 meaning of Article XV, Section 2, of the Arizona Constitution.

7 2. The Commission has jurisdiction over Las Quintas and over
8 the subject matter of the application.

9 3. Approval of the filing does not constitute a rate increase
10 as contemplated by A.R.S. 40-250.

11 4. The Commission, having reviewed the application, and
12 Staff's Memorandum dated October 20, 1994, concludes that it is in
13 the public interest to approve the application.

14 ORDER

15 THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the application of Las Quintas
16 Serenas Water Company for approval of an Off-site Facilities Hook-
17 up Fee Tariff be and hereby is approved.

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Las Quintas shall file the annual report as recommended by Staff in Finding of Fact No. 13.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Decision shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

		<i>Del S. Meyer</i>
CHAIRMAN	COMMISSIONER	COMMISSIONER

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, JAMES MATTHEWS, Executive Secretary of the Arizona Corporation Commission, have hereunto, set my hand and caused the official seal of this Commission to be affixed at the Capitol, in the City of Phoenix, this 2 day of November, 1994.

James Matthews

 JAMES MATTHEWS
 Executive Secretary

DISSENT _____

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