CROSS CONNECTION BACKFLOW PREVENTION TARIFF

APPLICABLE TO:

- Global Water – Santa Cruz Water Company, Inc ("GW-Santa Cruz")
- Global Water – Belmont Water Company, Inc. ("GW-Belmont")
- Global Water – Saguaro District Water Company, Inc. ("GW-Saguaro")
- Global Water – Farmers Water Company, Inc. ("GW-Farmers")
- Global Water – Ocotillo Water Company, Inc. ("GW-Ocotillo")
- Each of these utilities is referred to as "Utility" or "Company" and will be collectively referred to as the "Global Water Utilities"

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this tariff is to protect public health by preventing the potential contamination of water supplies from contaminants caused by backflow from a customer's premises. This tariff requires the installation and periodic testing of backflow-prevention assemblies pursuant to the provisions of the Arizona Administrative Code ("A.A.C.") R14-2-405.B.6 and A.A.C. R18-4-215. Specifics of the backflow requirements are included in the Global Water Utilities' Backflow and Cross Connection Prevention Program. This Program can be found at https://www.gwresources.com/backflow-prevention and is available on request.

REQUIREMENTS:

In compliance with the Rules of the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") and the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality ("ADEQ"), specifically A.A.C. R14-2-405.B.6 and A.A.C. R18-4-215 relating to backflow prevention, the Company is required to ensure that customers' facilities do not allow for backflow conditions to occur. Accordingly:

1. The Company shall require a customer to pay for and to have installed a backflow-prevention assembly if A.A.C. R18-4-215.B or C applies. The Company shall also require a customer to pay for and to have installed a backflow prevention assembly for all fire line connections.

2. A backflow-prevention assembly required to be installed by the customer under Paragraph 1 of this tariff shall comply with the requirements set forth in A.A.C. R18-4-215.D and E and the Global Water Utilities' Backflow and Cross Connection Prevention Program.

3. Backflow-prevention assembly requirements are detailed in the Global Water Utilities' Backflow and Cross Connection Prevention Program.

4. Provided a residential customer's landscape water system conforms with the provisions of A.A.C. R18-4-215.E.2.d, the residential customer shall install an NSF 61 certified Pressure Vacuum Breaker assembly on landscape water systems. Residential customer landscape water systems that do not conform to the provisions of A.A.C. R18-4-215.E.2.d shall install and maintain an approved backflow-prevention assembly as detailed in the Global Water Utilities' Backflow and Cross Connection Prevention Program.

5. Subject to the provisions of A.A.C. R14-2-407 and 410, and in accordance with this tariff, the Company may terminate service or may deny service to a customer who fails to install a backflow-prevention assembly as required by this tariff.

6. The Company shall give any existing customer who is required to install a backflow-prevention assembly written notice of said requirement. If A.A.C. R14-2-410.B.1.a. is **not** applicable, the customer shall be given thirty (30) days from the time such written notice is received in which to comply with this notice. If the customer can show good cause as to why they cannot install the backflow-prevention assembly within thirty (30) days of written notice, the Company may suspend this requirement for an additional thirty (30) days.

7. Testing shall be in conformance with the requirements of A.A.C. R18-4-215.F. The Company shall require the customer to pay to have the backflow-prevention assembly tested periodically (minimum annually) so long as the Company does not require more than two (2) tests per year (exclusive of re-testing required in the event the backflow assembly fails a periodic test). Testing on backflow-prevention assemblies must be completed post-installation.

8. The customer shall provide the Company with records of installation and testing within ten (10) days (or within 24 hours if the testing is overdue). of such work and in the manner prescribed by the Company for submission of records. For each backflow-prevention assembly, these records shall include, but are not limited to:

    a. assembly identification number and description;
    b. location;
    c. date(s) of test(s);
    d. description of repairs and recommendations for repairs made by tester; and
    e. the tester's name and certificate number.

9. In the event the backflow-prevention assembly does not function properly or fails any test, and an obvious hazard as contemplated under A.A.C. R14-2-410.B.1.a. exists, the Company may terminate service immediately and without notice. The backflow-prevention assembly shall be repaired or replaced by the customer and retested prior to the service being reconnected.

10. In the event the backflow-prevention assembly does not function properly or fails any test, or in the event that a customer fails to comply with the testing requirement, and A.A.C. R14-2-410.B.1.a. is **not** applicable, the backflow-prevention assembly shall be tested, repaired or replaced within fourteen (14) days of the initial discovery of the deficiency in the assembly or its function. Failure to remedy the deficiency or dysfunction of the assembly, or failure to retest, shall be grounds for termination of water service with notice in accordance with A.A.C. R14-2-410.C.