

PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING ON THE APPLICATIONS OF GLOBAL WATER- PALO VERDE UTILITIES COMPANY, INC.; GLOBAL WATER - RED ROCK UTILITIES COMPANY, INC.; GLOBAL WATER - NORTHERN SCOTTSDALE WATER COMPANY, INC.; GLOBAL WATER - TURNER RANCHES IRRIGATION, INC.; GLOBAL WATER - BALTERRA UTILITIES COMPANY, INC.; GLOBAL WATER - EAGLETAIL WATER COMPANY, INC.; GLOBAL WATER - HASSAYAMPA UTILITIES COMPANY, INC.; GLOBAL WATER - PICACHO COVE UTILITIES COMPANY, INC.; GLOBAL WATER - PICACHO COVE WATER COMPANY, INC.; GLOBAL WATER - GREATER TONOPAH WATER COMPANY, INC.; AND GLOBAL WATER - SANTA CRUZ WATER COMPANY, INC. FOR PERMANENT RATE INCREASES FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITY SERVICE AND CERTAIN OTHER APPROVALS. (DOCKET NO. SW-20445A-20-0214 et al.)

Summary

On August 28, 2020, Global Water - Palo Verde Utilities Company, Inc. ("Palo Verde") filed an application with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") for an increase in rates and charges in Docket No. SW-20445A-20-0214. On the same date, rate applications were filed by Global Water - Red Rock Utilities Company, Inc. ("Red Rock") in Docket No. WS-04245A-20-0215, Global Water - Northern Scottsdale Water Company, Inc. ("Northern Scottsdale") in Docket No. W-03720A-20-0216, Global Water - Turner Ranches Irrigation, Inc. ("Turner Ranches") in Docket No. W-01677A-20-0217, Global Water - Balterra Utilities Company, Inc. ("Balterra") in Docket No. SW-20403A-20-0218, Global Water - Eagletail Water Company, Inc. ("Eagletail") in Docket No. W-03936A-20-0219, Global Water - Hassayampa Utilities Company, Inc. ("Hassayampa") in Docket No. SW-20422A-20-0220, Global Water - Picacho Cove Utilities Company, Inc. ("Picacho Utilities") in Docket No. SW-20494A-20-0221, Global Water - Greater Tonopah Water Company, Inc. ("Greater Tonopah") in Docket No. W-02450A-20-0222, Global Water - Santa Cruz Water Company, Inc. ("Santa Cruz") in Docket No. W-20446A-20-0223, and Global Water - Picacho Cove Water Company, Inc. ("Picacho Water") in Docket No. W-20495A-20-0224 (collectively, "Global Water Utilities"). The rate applications have been consolidated for purposes of hearing and consideration by the Commission.

In conjunction with the requested rate increases, Global Water Utilities proposes to consolidate some of its systems (as shown below); to implement standalone rate increases if consolidation of the systems is not granted; to phase-in consolidated rates over a three-year period, beginning no earlier than January 1, 2022; and to implement a rate case expense surcharge, the amount of which will vary based on meter size and between systems, to be collected in 2023 and 2024 only.

Consolidations & Proposed Revenue Increases. Global Water Utilities requests approval to consolidate Santa Cruz with Red Rock (water division) and Picacho Water; Palo Verde with Red Rock (wastewater division) and Picacho Utilities; Greater Tonopah with Eagletail and Northern Scottsdale; and Hassayampa with Balterra. Global Water Utilities proposes different revenue increases for the stand-alone systems if consolidation is not approved versus the consolidated systems, as follows:

System	Fair Value Rate Base	Revenue Increase (\$)	Revenue Increase (%)
Santa Cruz	\$42,499,955	\$1,968,055	13.4%
Red Rock (Water)	\$1,111,740	\$208,523	48.6%
Picacho Water	\$8,878	N/A*	N/A*
If Consolidated	\$43,620,186	\$2,167,945	14.4%
Palo Verde	\$68,423,298	\$1,714,800	8.9%
Red Rock (Wastewater)	\$3,650,105	\$224,039	23.5%
Picacho Utilities	\$134,252	N/A*	N/A*
If Consolidated	\$72,207,655	\$1,962,429	9.7%
Greater Tonopah	\$4,590,029	\$770,319	193.7%
Eagletail	\$644,961	\$133,358	253%
Northern Scottsdale	(\$113,296)	\$0	0.0%
If Consolidated	\$5,119,688	\$139,600	20.3%
Hassayampa	\$588,675	N/A*	N/A*
Balterra	\$486,332	N/A*	N/A*
If Consolidated	\$1,075,007	\$0	0.0%
Turner Ranches (irrigation only)	\$3,620,561	\$285,396	33.4%
* Currently has no customers and no revenues.			

Potential Impact to Bills. The **examples** below illustrate how residential bills **may** be impacted with consolidation and without consolidation (standalone) as proposed by Global Water Utilities for a residential customer with the most common meter size for a system and with median monthly water usage for that meter size (or hypothetical usage if a system has no customers). **Each customer's bill, however, is specific to individual usage, meter size, and customer classification. Actual bill impacts will vary.** Customers can use the H-4 tables provided in Global Water Utilities' application available on www.azcc.gov and <https://www.gwresources.com/globalwaterratecase> or can contact Global Water Utilities at Utilities at ratecase@gwresources.com or 866-940-1102 to determine the potential change to their own bills.

System	Meter Size & Median Water Usage	Monthly Bill Under Authorized Rates for 2021	CONSOLIDATED BILL IMPACTS Monthly Increase or (Decrease)		
			Phase-In Year 1 (2022)	Phase-In Year 2* (2023)	Phase-In Year 3* (2024)
Santa Cruz	314" 5,000 gal.	\$32.50	\$1.62	\$1.69	\$1.84
Red Rock (Water)	5/8" X 3/4" 3,500 gal.	\$33.40	\$(0.70)	\$1.53	\$1.80
Picacho Water **	3/4" 5,000 gal.	\$43.00	\$(8.88)	\$1.69	\$1.84
Palo Verde	3/4" Sewer-Flat Rate	\$66.73	\$3.31	\$2.70	\$2.07
Red Rock (Wastewater)	5/8" X 3/4" Sewer-Flat Rate	\$90.39	\$(20.35)	\$2.70	\$2.07
Picacho Utilities	3/4" Sewer-Flat Rate	\$80.00	\$(9.96)	\$2.70	\$2.07
Greater Tonopah	3/4" 4,500 gal.	\$45.56	\$9.59	\$6.55	\$6.19
Eagletail	3/4" 3,500 gal.	\$69.08	\$(10.65)	\$0.78	\$6.05
Northern Scottsdale	1" 12,500 gal.	\$119.30	\$4.46	\$0.90	\$0.00
Hassayampa	3/4" Sewer-Flat Rate	\$54.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Balterra	3/4" Sewer-Flat Rate	\$105.00	\$(50.75)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Turner Ranches	Residential Irrigation-Flat Rate	\$26.54	\$2.96	\$3.30	\$2.96
Turner Ranches	8" Metered Irrigation 1,148,000 gal.	\$1,258.21	\$140.34	\$151.35	\$140.34
* Includes Rate Case Expense surcharge except for Hassayampa and Balterra.					
** Hypothetical usage level for illustrative purposes - Picacho Water has no customers.					

System	Median Water Usage (gallons) & Meter Size	Monthly Bill Under Authorized Rates for 2021	STAND-ALONE BILL IMPACTS Monthly Increase or (Decrease)		
			Phase-In Year 1 (2022)	Phase-In Year 2* (2023)	Phase-In Year 3* (2024)
Santa Cruz	3/4" 5,000 gal.	\$32.50	\$1.56	\$2.06	\$1.62
Red Rock (Water)	5/8" X 3/4" 3,500 gal.	\$33.40	\$6.57	\$0.44	\$0.00
Picacho Water	3/4" 5,000 gal.	\$43.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Palo Verde	3/4" Sewer-Flat Rate	\$66.73	\$3.34***	\$3.41***	\$0.00
Red Rock (Wastewater)	5/8" X 3/4" Sewer-Flat Rate	\$90.39	\$18.18	\$0.45	\$0.00
Picacho Utilities	3/4" Sewer-Flat Rate	\$80.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Greater Tonopah	3/4" 4,500 gal.	\$45.56	\$94.31	\$0.47	\$0.00
Eagletail	3/4" 3,500 gal.	\$69.08	\$115.47	\$0.44	\$0.00
Northern Scottsdale	1" 12,500 gal.	\$119.30	\$4.46	\$0.40	\$0.00
Hassayampa	3/4" Sewer-Flat Rate	\$54.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Balterra	3/4" Sewer-Flat Rate	\$105.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Turner Ranches	Residential Irrigation-Flat Rate	\$26.54	\$2.96	\$3.30	\$2.96
Turner Ranches	8" Metered Irrigation 1,148,000 gal.	\$1,258.21	\$140.34	\$151.35	\$140.34
<p>* Reflects application of Rate Case Expense surcharge in 2023 and 2024 except for Picacho Water, Hassayampa, and Balterra. **Hypothetical usage level for illustrative purposes - Picacho Water has no customers. *** Two-year phase-in.</p>					

NEITHER THE COMMISSION’S UTILITIES DIVISION (“STAFF”) NOR ANY INTERVENOR HAS YET MADE ANY RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING GLOBAL WATER UTILITIES’ APPLICATIONS. THE COMMISSION IS NOT BOUND BY THE PROPOSALS OF GLOBAL WATER UTILITIES, STAFF, OR ANY INTERVENORS. THE COMMISSION WILL DETERMINE THE APPROPRIATE RELIEF TO BE GRANTED IN RESPONSE TO GLOBAL WATER UTILITIES’ APPLICATIONS BASED ON THE EVIDENCE PRESENTED IN THIS MATTER. THE FINAL RATES APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION MY BE HIGHER, LOWER, OR DIFFERENT THAN THE RATES PROPOSED BY GLOBAL WATER UTILITIES 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 Global Water Utilities at: ratecase@gwresources.com.

How You Can View or Obtain a Copy of the Application

Copies of the Application are available from Global Water Resources, Inc. 21410 N. 19th Avenue, Suite 220, Phoenix, Arizona 85027, Phone Number 866-940-1102; by emailing a request to ratecase@gwresources.com; 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 (www.azcc.gov) using the e-Docket function. Access to the Commission’s Docket Control Center and the Commission’s Tucson office is restricted due to the COVID-19 pandemic but can be arranged by appointment by calling 602-542-4250.

Arizona Corporation Commission Public Hearing Information

The Commission will hold a hearing on this matter beginning **May 24, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.** at the Commission’s offices, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona. Telephonic public comments will be taken before the hearing commences, as set forth below.

Telephonic Public Comment Sessions

Due to federal and state COVID-19 pandemic safety guidelines, public comment will not be permitted in person. The Commission will allow telephonic public comment to be provided as follows:

Date	Time
Monday, April 19 , 2021	6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., or until the last caller is finished speaking, whichever comes first
Saturday, May 8 , 2021	10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., or until the last caller is finished speaking, whichever comes first

Monday, May 24, 2021	10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., or until the last caller is finished speaking, whichever comes first. The hearing will commence after the public comment concludes.
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To provide telephonic public comments, call **1-866-705-2554**, and enter this code: **241497#**

The Commission will impose a three-minute time limit per speaker, to maximize the number of callers who have an opportunity to speak. That time limit may be extended by the presiding Administrative Law Judge.

There may be a significant wait time to speak, and callers will be muted until it is their turn to speak. However, once placed into the proceeding, callers will be able to hear the comments of other callers through the phone line. Callers should turn off their computer audio during the public comment meeting, as the live stream on azcc.gov is delayed by 28 seconds and may cause feedback when it is the caller's turn to speak.

The Commission encourages callers to use landline telephones for the telephonic public comment meetings, as mobile telephones do not consistently provide adequate audio quality to permit the verbatim transcriptions of telephonic speech. If a caller cannot be sufficiently understood to make an accurate transcription, the caller will be requested to file written comments in the docket.

Written public comments may be submitted by mailing a letter referencing **Docket No. SW-20445A-20-0214 et. al.** to Arizona Corporation Commission, Consumer Service Section, 1200 West Washington, Phoenix, AZ 85007, or by submitting comments on the Commission's website (www.azcc.gov) using "Cases and Open Meetings" and "Make a Public Comment in a Docket." If you require assistance, you may contact the Consumer Service 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 (www.azcc.gov) 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 hearing and to cross-examine other parties' witnesses. **Intervention is not required for you to provide telephonic 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 (www.azcc.gov) 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 February 16, 2021**. Instructions and restrictions for eFiling are available on the Commission’s website at <http://azcc.gov/hearing/efile-for-utilities-instruction>. 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. A reference to Docket No. SW-20445A-20-0214 et. al;
3. A short statement explaining:
 - a. Your interest in the proceeding (e.g., 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. A statement certifying that you have sent a copy of your request to intervene to Global Water Utilities through their attorney and to all other parties of record in the case; and
5. 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 all motions to intervene must be filed on or before **February 16, 2021**.

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.