PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING ON THE APPLICATION OF LIBERTY UTILITIES (ENTRADA DEL ORO SEWER) CORP. FOR A RATE INCREASE AND FOR APPROVAL TO INCUR DEBT (DOCKET NOS. SW-04316A-16-0078 AND SW-04316A-16-0085).

Summary

On March 3, 2016, Liberty Utilities (Entrada Del Oro Sewer) Corp. ("Liberty EDO") filed with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission"), in Docket No. SW- 04316A-16-0078, an application requesting that the Commission establish the fair value of its plant and property used for the provision of public water utility service and, based on such finding, approve permanent rates and charges for utility service designed to produce a fair return thereon. Also on March 3, 2016, Liberty EDO filed with the Commission, in Docket No. SW-04316A-16-0085, an application requesting authority from the Commission to issue evidence of indebtedness in a total amount not to exceed \$1,750,000.

Liberty EDO requests authorization to increase its rates to generate total revenues by \$535,931. This would constitute an increase in revenues by \$254,643, or 90.53 percent over test year revenues of \$281,288. For information about how Liberty's revenue increase would affect your individual bill, you may contact Liberty EDO at **480-488-4152**.

The Commission's Utilities Division ("Staff") is recommending an increase of \$40,783, or 14.50 percent, over test year revenues, for a total of \$322,071. The Commission will determine the appropriate relief to be granted based on the evidence in the proceeding. THE COMMISSION IS NOT BOUND BY THE PROPOSALS MADE BY LIBERTY EDO, STAFF, OR ANY INTERVENORS; THEREFORE, THE FINAL RATES APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION MAY DIFFER FROM AND MAY BE HIGHER OR LOWER THAN THE RATES REQUESTED BY LIBERTY EDO OR RECOMMENDED BY OTHER PARTIES.

How You Can View or Obtain a Copy of the Rate Proposal

Copies of the application and proposed rates are available from Liberty EDO, 12725 W. Indian School Rd, Suite D101, Avondale, AZ 85392 and at the Commission's Docket Control Center at 1200 West Washington, Phoenix, Arizona, for public inspection during regular business hours, and on the Internet via the Commission's website (www.azcc.gov) using the e-Docket function.

Arizona Corporation Commission Public Hearing Information

The Commission will hold a hearing on these matters beginning **November 14, 2016, at 10:00 a.m.,** at the Commission's offices Hearing Room No. 1, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007. Public comments will be taken on the first day of hearing.

Written public comments may be submitted by mailing a letter referencing Docket Nos. SW-04316A-16-0078/SW-04316A-16-0085 to Arizona Corporation Commission, Consumer Services Section, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007, or by submitting comments on the Commission's website (www.azcc.gov) using the "Submit a Public Comment" function. If you require assistance, you may contact the Consumer Services Section at 602-542-4251 or 1-800-222-7000.

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. However, failure to intervene will not preclude any interested person or entity from appearing at the hearing and providing public comment on the application or from filing written comments in the record of the case.

To request intervention, you must file **an original and 13 hard copies** of a written request to intervene with Docket Control, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007, **no later than October 24**, **2016.** You **must** serve a copy of the request to intervene on each part of record, on the same day that you file the request to intervene with the Commission. Information about intervention and sample intervention requests are available on the Commission's website (<u>www.azcc.gov</u>) using the "Intervention in Utility Cases" link.

Your request to intervene <u>must</u> contain the following:

- 1. Your name, address, and telephone number and the name, address, and telephone number of any person upon whom service of documents is to be made, if not yourself;
- A reference to Docket Nos. SW-04316A-16-0078 and SW-04316A-16-0085;
- 3. A short statement of your interest in the proceeding (e.g., a customer or potential customer of Liberty EDO, a member or shareholder of Liberty EDO, etc.) and how you will be directly and substantially affected by the outcome of the case, and why your intervention will not unduly broaden the issues in the case;
- 4. A statement certifying that a copy of the motion to intervene has been mailed to Liberty EDO or its counsel and to all parties of record in case; and
- 5. If you are not represented by an attorney who is an active member of the Arizona State Bar, and is not an individual representing himself or herself, information and any appropriate documentation demonstrating compliance with Arizona Supreme Court Rules 31, 38, 39, and 42, as applicable.

The granting of motions to intervene shall be governed by A.A.C. R14-3-105, except that <u>all motions to intervene must be filed on or before October 24, 2016.</u> If representation by counsel is required by Arizona Supreme Court Rule 31, intervention will be conditioned upon the intervenor obtaining counsel to represent the intervenor.

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, Shaylin Bernal, E-mail SAbernal@azcc.gov, voice phone number 602-542-3931. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.