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December 5, 2007

VIA FAX TO RECIPIENT AND FIRST CLASS MAIL TO SERVICE LIST

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RE: Crooked River Ranch Water Company; Docket No. UW 120

Dear Mr. Gassner,

I am writing in response to your correspondence dated December 4, 2007. In your correspondence you state that: "The rates ordered will be implemented as of January 1, 2008." I assume that this means that the January billings will reflect the new rates. For purposes of clarity, the rates are effective December 1, 2007, as stated on the effective date of the tariffs. As a result, the billings that occur in January 2008 must reflect the new rates for any usage in December 2007.

Your correspondence also mentions that "pursuant to Rule 43, CRRWC's Cross Connection/Backflow Prevention Program has not been incorporated based on the rates ordered[.] CRRWC will need to modify the terms . . . to attempt to work within those rates." Rule 43 only requires that CRRWC submit its latest Cross Connection/Backflow Policy as an attachment to the Rule. Because this policy will have no effect on rates, there is no reason that CRRWC would need "to modify the terms . . . to attempt to work within those rates."

In CRRWC's response to Staff Data Request 65, it stated:

"CRRWC does not provide backflow testing. Customers are advised when their test is coming due, and provided a copy of the certified testers list from the CCB website. It is their responsibility to arrange for a test."

Because CRRWC does not perform backflow tests, does not charge for backflow tests, and is not receiving any revenue from backflow tests, the program does not require modification to work within the Commission-approved rates. If CRRWC were to provide backflow testing, that rate would have to be tariffed and approved by the Commission.

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JW Jones", written in a cursive style.

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3 I certify that on December 6, 2007, I served the foregoing upon all parties of record in
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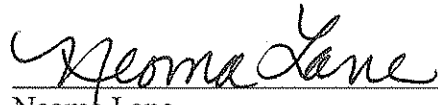
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