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Commission Approves Spending to Help Struggling Water Company Approval Help Customers get Clean and Reliable Water

(Phoenix) At today's Commission Staff Meeting, Commissioners approved emergency measures to help a struggling water company improve its infrastructure in order to provide reliable water to its customers.

Green Acres Water Company provides water services to 56 people in portions of Yuma County. The company's owner abandoned the company in 2013 leaving customers with no water service. The company, which is currently being run by an interim manager, has insufficient funds to fix major repairs. The Commission granted an emergency rate surcharge in 2014. Many of the problems including low pressure, poor water quality, and inadequate revenue have yet to be resolved.

"Governor Doug Ducey called on government to operate at the speed of business and today the Corporation Commission did just that," said Commissioner Andy Tobin, "I tip my hat to Chairman Little who called an emergency meeting, along with the Commissioners and Staff who worked swiftly to address the dire needs of the Green Acres Water Company. I learned about problems facing this company last week when visiting Yuma on my year-long rural Arizona Corp Comm Tour and immediately engaged staff to seek a solution. Access to clean, reliable water, especially in the Desert Southwest, is a matter of life and death. I'm pleased that we were able to come to a decision to put this company on the fast track to resolving their financing and infrastructure problems that will get their customers the services they need."

The Commissioners' decision today gives the company more flexibility in how they spend the monies collected through the emergency surcharge. Green Acres Water Company has a permanent rate case application pending with the Commission.