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WEBSITE ENHANCED, NEW DESIGN, NEW FEATURES E-Docket Calendar Helps Track Cases

PHOENIX – The Arizona Corporation Commission today launched a re-designed website, www.azcc.gov, enabling users to more easily find the information they are seeking. The new interface groups main headings on the left side with “fly-out” menus for sub pages.

“Over the last several years, we have made a lot of changes to make our branch of government more open and accessible to the public,” Chairman Mike Gleason said. “Updating the Commission’s web design was a major, highly visible step in that process.”

Users who have bookmarked specific frequently-used pages may need to update those bookmarks. Buttons for the most popular portions of the website have special icons located along the bottom of the page. Live streaming audio, www.azinvestor.gov, E-Docket and the Starpas business entity search buttons will remain in a red frame at the bottom of the screen.

The E-Docket case management system now features a calendar interface, giving the public a valuable new tool to track the progress of cases at the regulatory agency. The E-Docket Calendar button takes you to a screen where you can view all upcoming deadlines or select just the types of items you care about most.

For example, an investor in a securities fraud case may care most about procedural conferences and hearings for that case. A citizen who intervenes in a case may need to track every date associated with a case. An attorney who practices at the Commission may want to view most or all of the items associated with the cases he or she is litigating.

When you go to a specific case in E-Docket and select “View Details,” a Case Schedule tab pops up that allows you to view just the deadlines for that case. This will be extremely helpful to utility customers who want up-to-date information on a rate case.

The calendar feature allows you to select and save customized searches. You can view a day, week or month at a time. If you use Microsoft Outlook, you can click on the calendar icon to download the date to your personal Outlook calendar.

“The internet is a powerful tool for the public. True progress comes when government can take advantage of this power by opening access to information for the public,” Commissioner Jeff Hatch-Miller said. “Today’s launch of the new web design and E-Docket Calendar moves our agency closer to the public we are here to serve.”

“When I came to the Commission in 1999, unless you were in Tucson or Phoenix, it was difficult for members of the public to get case documents without coming to one of our offices,” said Commissioner Bill Mundell. “The website and the hard work of our information technology staff changed that. Now it’s even easier to find information or do business with the Commission.”

“Some bodies of government have been criticized for preventing access to valuable information,” Commissioner Kris Mayes said. “Not so with us. We want to facilitate participation and understanding of our process.”

“The fact that Outlook users can download dates to their personal calendars is a huge component of this new system,” Commissioner Gary Pierce said. “This will help the staff stay on target, help the public keep tabs on cases that affect them and help the companies that file cases with us understand the path and progress of their case.”

For help and a tutorial on using the new feature, click on http://edocket.azcc.gov/eCase/Help/ops_web.htm.

ACC's Open Government Timeline

1980s – Listen Lines open allowing public to listen to ACC meetings by telephone

1993 – State of Arizona Public Access System (STARPAS) database debuts giving public access to corporation and LLC records via dial-up, fee-based subscription

September 2000 – STARPAS information about corporations and LLCs becomes free through the internet, converting a subscription-only service to free internet access

August 2001 – Corporations Division begins implementing the Initial Processing System, scanning filings and placing them on the web for the public to view and download

August 2001 – Investment advisors begin filing Arizona registrations through the NASD's electronic filing system

February 2004 – E-File debuts, allowing corporations to file Annual Reports online

August 2004 – ACC launches www.azinvestor.gov, a dedicated website to educate investors about safe investing and avoiding scams

December 2004 – Live streaming audio feature is added to ACC website giving free online access to ACC Open Meetings and workshops held in Phoenix and Tucson

June 2005 – Commission domain name shortened to www.azcc.gov

September 2005 – E-Docket Debuts – Free on-line access to all docketed information relating to Utilities Division, Securities Division and Safety Section cases

December 2005 – Multiple enhancements to Corporations Division e-commerce applications:

- Online Name Reservation is enabled, allowing companies to check for and reserve a company name while preparing their official paperwork
- Certificates of Good Standing can be ordered and printed from ACC website
- Companies can file for expedited processing of annual reports

June 2006 – Wireless Internet Access added for key portions of ACC facilities.

August 2006 – Live streaming audio access added for staff meetings and conference rooms.

January 2007 – E-Docket's calendar enhancement launched internally, allowing staff to instantly check the status and milestones as cases move through the ACC

March 2007 – E-Docket's calendar enhancement now allows any user to instantly check on the status and milestones as cases move through the ACC

March 2007 – The Commission's main webpage is being re-designed to a more modern, user-friendly design making it easier to navigate

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