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The Corporation Commission to Hold Part 2 of Water Workshop Workshop will Address a Wide Variety of Issues Facing Water Companies in Arizona

(Phoenix) The Arizona Corporation Commission will hold a special all-day workshop on Friday, June 24th starting at 10:00 a.m. to continue the discussion and possibly vote to update Commission policies with respect to water and wastewater companies that are regulated by the Commission. A previous workshop was held May, 19th. Over the past month, stakeholders and the public were invited to submit their ideas and concerns to a newly opened docket.

The workshop will address many of the water and wastewater policy issues that have been discussed and analyzed by various parties for years but have never been included in a formal policy statement by the Commission. Some of the topics include addressing water emergencies and long processing times for emergency rate cases, how rates are designed for small water companies, and best practices for the acquisition or consolidation of non-viable water companies.

“Two hallmarks of good regulatory policy making are consistency and transparency”, said Chairman Doug Little. “For customers of struggling water companies around the state, solid policies can be critical in helping guide us and the utilities to quick action to ensure water safety and reliability.”

Initially, these policy statements will be advisory in nature. Each case will still be considered based on its individual merits. The policies over time could be considered in formal rule making.

The Commission will hear from water utilities, consumer advocacy groups, and elected officials. Yuma County Supervisor Russ Clark will also present to the Commission on how the community of Tacna, Arizona is responding to the difficult environmental and operational challenges that they and many other small water providers throughout the state are facing.

The workshop will be held at the Commission’s Hearing Room 1 at 1200 W. Washington Street and can be viewed live at www.azcc.gov. The docket number is 16-0151.