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APPLICATION OF DOUBLE DIAMOND UTILITY COMPANY, INC. FOR WATER AND SEWER RATE/TARIFF CHANGE 3-17-0119.WS D. 46245 BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE ! // OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

## DOUBLE DIAMOND UTILITY COMPANY, INC.'S REQUEST FOR ORAL ARGUMENT

COMES NOW, Double Diamond Utility Company, Inc. ("DDU") and files this request to present oral argument at the open meeting of the Public Utility Commission (the "Commission") on October 25, 2018.

The Final Order was signed in this proceeding on August 30, 2018. DDU timely filed a Motion for Rehearing on September 24, 2018. On October 2<sup>nd</sup>, DDU requested oral argument be presented at the Commission's open meeting scheduled for October 12, 2018. On October 10, 2018, the Commission denied DDU's request for oral argument and informed all parties of record that "the Commission will not hear oral argument."

Upon learning today that this matter is, again, on the Commission's Open Meeting Agenda for the October 25, 2018, meeting date, DDU respectfully re-urges is prior filed Request for Oral Argument.

This case presents an issue of first impression for the Commission regarding a number of issues related to the regulation of rates for water and sewer systems. While DDU appreciates the approval of an increase in rates for The Cliffs water and sewer systems, there are numerous errors related to the Commission's decision. The Final Order is not supported by evidence in the record, ignores important evidence in the record, and imposes new requirements on DDU that are not contained in the Water Code or any commission rule.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Double Diamond Utility Company, Inc.,

hereby requests oral arguments be presented at the open meeting scheduled for October 25, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I have served or will serve a true and correct copy of the foregoing document via hand delivery, facsimile, electronic mail, overnight mail, U.S. mail and/or Certified Mail Return Receipt Requested to all parties on this the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2018.

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