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# COMPLAINT OF ARIZONA TRADERS§PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSIONCOMPANY AGAINST EL PASO WATER§UTILITIES PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD§OF TEXAS

#### ORDER NO. 4 ABATING PROCEEDING AND REQUIRING STATUS REPORTS

This Order abates the July 11, 2022 formal complaint of John C. Gilliland, on behalf of Arizona Traders Company, against El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board alleging wrongful disconnection of water service.

On August 9, 2022, Commission Staff filed a statement of position and motion to dismiss. Specifically, Commission Staff recommends that Arizona Traders complied with the Commission's informal resolution requirements of 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 22.242(c). However, because Arizona Traders is located within the city limits of the City of El Paso, which has not ceded original jurisdiction to the Commission, the Commission does not have jurisdiction over the formal complaint under 16 TAC § 22.242(e)(1) or restoration of water service. For the preceding reason, Commission Staff recommends the complaint be dismissed. Alternatively, Commission Staff recommends that the docket be abated to allow Arizona Traders to exhaust all remedies with El Paso Water and if abated, file monthly status reports regarding restoration of water service.

In accordance with the above, the administrative law judge (ALJ) finds Arizona Traders in compliance with the informal resolution requirements of 16 TAC § 22.242(c).

Because the Commission is without jurisdiction to consider Arizona Traders' formal complaint and restoration of water service, the ALJ abates this proceeding for a period of 90 days to enable Arizona Traders to exhaust all administrative remedies with El Paso Water. Beginning September 9, 2022, and continuing monthly thereafter, Arizona Traders must file a report regarding the status of its complaint with El Paso Water. If necessary, following the 90-day abatement period, Arizona Traders may file a request that the abatement continue. Failure to file monthly status reports may result in dismissal of this complaint.

Signed at Austin, Texas the 11th day of August 2022.

### PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS

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