

ARIZONA WATER COMPANY (FACT SHEET)

The City of Globe has provided water and wastewater service both inside and outside of its corporate boundaries for almost 100 years.

The City has had a wastewater treatment facility in the same general vicinity for almost a hundred years.

Arizona Water Company first started serving in our area in 1955 when it purchased the Triangle Development Corporation.

In 1961 Arizona Water Company filed an application at the Arizona Corporation Commission to expand the area it served to include Central Heights.

The application was granted by the Corporation Commission in September of 1961 without the City receiving notice of the application.

It is the City's belief that a portion of the area given to Arizona Water Company was already being served by the City.

The issue came to a head when Arizona Water Company put the City on notice that Arizona Water believed that the City owed Arizona Water over 7 million dollars in lost revenue and other items.

The City has tried to resolve this matter with Arizona Water but to no avail.

The City hired an expert to determine if the City served before 1961. Based on the expert's research, we believe that is the case.

Having no luck resolving the matter with Arizona Water, the City filed a Petition with the Arizona Corporation Commission to correct a mistake contained in the initial grant of the area to Arizona Water.

Currently, Arizona Water has filed a Motion to Dismiss the Petition, which the City has responded to at the Corporation Commission. Oral arguments will be held on that Motion in March.

The next steps will include a procedural schedule to allow for evidence and cross-examination of witnesses at a hearing. The hearing will be scheduled for later this year.

There will also be a time for the public to be an active participant in the matter by intervening in the case.

The public can stay informed on what is occurring by visiting the city's website where we will post pertinent documents.