RESOLUTION OF THE WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE OF THE FORT APACHE INDIAN RESERVATION

- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council received a report this day from the White Mountain Apache Tribe Public Works Department on the operations of the Department throughout the Fort Apache Reservation; and
- WHEREAS, as part of its report, the Public Works Department notified the Council that several of its customers are either delinquent in paying their bills or are suspected of using more water than for which they are billed causing negative income for the Department; and
- **WHEREAS,** the Public Works Department, Utility Authority requests an increase in the rates it charges to deliver water service to users throughout the Reservation in the following format:

Individual water users:

- Water w/ sewer main Increase from \$18.75 to \$25.00 / month
- Water w/Leech-field Increase from \$15.63 to \$22.00 / month
- Stand-pipe Increase from \$10.00 to \$15.00 / month

Commercial Water Users:

- Tribal Business Increase from \$100 to \$150.00 / month
- Non-Tribal Business Increase from \$200 to \$250.00 / month

Connection Fees:

- Increase from \$25.00 to \$50.00
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has reviewed the rates set forth above and the information which the Public Works Department has provided on the problems it is encountering in meeting its obligations while failing to receive payment from water users, and the Tribal Council wishes to assist the Public Works Department in a manner that will be acceptable to the Community at large.
- **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves an increase in the rates charged to deliver water to persons and entities within the Fort Apache Reservation, pursuant to the following rates:

Individual water users:

- Water w/ sewer main Increase from \$18.75 to \$20.00 / month
- Water w/Leech-field Increase from \$15.63 to \$18.00 / month
- Stand-pipe Increase from \$10.00 to \$12.00 / month

Commercial Water Users:

- Tribal Business Increase from \$100 to \$150.00 / month
- Non-Tribal Business Increase from \$200 to \$250.00 / month

Connection Fees:

• Increase from \$25.00 to \$35.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the rates set forth above shall be effective from this day forward, until any further revision by the Tribal Council.

The foregoing resolution was on <u>AUGUST 4, 2004</u> duly adopted by a vote of <u>SIX</u> for and <u>ONE</u> against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (f), (h), (i), (s), (t), and (u) of the Constitution of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe September 30, 1993, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on November 12, 1993, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

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Secretary of the Tribal Council