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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF YAVAPAI

GEORGE W. HANCE, et al.,)	No. CV 4772
)	
Plaintiffs,)	Division 1
)	
vs.)	PETITION REQUESTING COURT
)	APPROVAL OF COMMISSIONERS'
WALES ARNOLD, et ux., et al.,)	RECOMMENDATIONS TO AMEND
)	ANNUAL ASSESSMENT AND TO
Defendants.)	HOLD 2007/2008 SPECIAL
)	ASSESSMENT IN ABEYANCE

In the matter of The VERDE DITCH)	(Ex Parte)
COMPANY,)	

JOHN TEAGUE, JOHN REDDELL, DUGAN McDONALD, ALBERT DUPUY, JR. and VERNON HILBERS, acting as the VERDE DITCH COMMISSIONERS, through undersigned counsel, respectfully request that the Court approve and adopt the Commissioners recommendations that the annual assessment be increased to eighty five dollars (\$85.00) per share and the Special Adjudication Assessment for 2007/2008 be held in abeyance as the adjudication reserves are deemed adequate at this time.

The Verde Ditch has not received an increase in the regular annual assessment since the Court approved an increase in the regular annual assessment to sixty-five dollars (\$65.00) per share

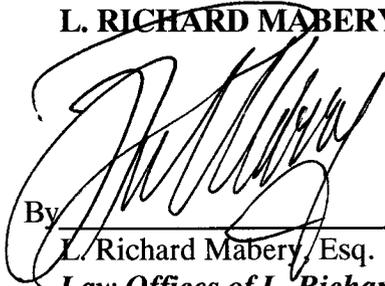
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approximately a decade ago. Increased costs and continued maintenance of the Verde Ditch necessitate an adjustment to the regular annual assessment. The Commissioners believe that \$85.00 per share for the regular annual assessment should provide adequate revenues to fund the proposed 2007-2008 budget and schedule of maintenance and repairs proposed by the Verde Ditch absent any major unscheduled dam or ditch repairs.

The Special Adjudication Assessment was collected for the first year (2005-2006) and held in abeyance for the second year (2006-2007). The Commissioners are guardedly optimistic that the remaining collected funds in the Special Adjudication Assessment account will be adequate to complete the current research and document compilation through September 2008. Before the annual shareholders meeting, the Commissioners will review all finances and prepare a report to the Court for consideration for year 2008-2009.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 12th day of December, 2007.

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