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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA**  
**IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF YAVAPAI**

12 GEORGE W. HANCE, et al., ) No. P1300CV 4772

13 Plaintiffs, ) **Division 2**

14 vs. )

15 WALES ARNOLD, et ux., et al., )

16 Defendants. )

**PETITION TO HOLD IN  
ABEYANCE THE 2020/2021  
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT BILLING**

**(Ex Parte)**

17 \_\_\_\_\_ )  
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19 In the matter of THE VERDE DITCH )  
20 COMPANY, )  
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22 Craig Cooley, Vernon Hilbers, Albert Dupuy, Jr., Reed McManus, and Cort Monroe, acting  
23 as the Verde Ditch Commissioners, through undersigned counsel, respectfully request that the Court  
24 approve and direct that the Special Assessment billing for 2020/2021 be held in abeyance until  
25 October 2021, as the current reserves are deemed adequate at this time. The Commissioners will  
26 review and reconsider the financial requirements on or before August 1, 2021, and the

1 anticipated/projected financial requirement in the continuing efforts to develop, examine, and  
2 document the historical and present use of Verde River water as delivered by the Verde Ditch  
3 pursuant to the *Hance v. Arnold* Decree.

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5 **RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED** this 24<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020.

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14 The original of the foregoing Petition to Hold  
15 in Abeyance the 2020/2021 Special Assessment  
16 Billing and Proposed Order was filed via e-mail  
17 submission this 24<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020 with:

18 The Clerk of the  
19 Yavapai County Superior Court  
120 S. Cortez  
Prescott, Arizona 86303

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21 By: Debra M. Wilk

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