RESOLUTION NO. 13R-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BIGHORN-DESERT VIEW WATER AGENCY ESTABLISHING THE GUARANTEE "CASH" DEPOSIT FOR 2-INCH BULK METER SERVICE ACCOUNTS

- WHEREAS, Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency ("Agency") is required by law to fix and establish rates, fees and charges which will enable the Agency to operate and maintain its water system, provide for repairs and depreciation, reasonable surplus for improvement to cover its debt service payments; and
- **WHEREAS**, Ordinance 11O-01 Rules and Regulations for Water Service was adopted on October 2, 2011; and
- **WHEREAS**, the Ordinance provides for the amendment of the current schedule of water rates, fees and charges levied by the Agency by resolution of the Board of Directors of the Agency; and
- **WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors desires to fairly allocate the costs of specific services in a fair and equitable manner to be paid by those persons who are the actual beneficiaries or recipients of the service; and
- **WHEREAS**, Commercial Bulk Haulers are assigned a two-inch (2-inch) water meter which is not associated with a distinct Assessor's Parcel Number (i.e. real property) and are therefore considered "high risk" due to the inability of the Agency to impose secured property liens for unpaid water bills; and
- **WHEREAS**, imposition of an account deposit equal to two (2) times the average monthly water bill would be a fair and equitable alternative to guarantee payment for water delivered in advance of billing; and
- **WHEREAS**, the Agency desires to impose a guarantee deposit of at least \$500 or two (2) times the average monthly water bill for <u>new accounts</u>, whichever is greater; and
- WHEREAS, the required guarantee deposit for existing (i.e. open) accounts shall not be affected unless an existing account is locked-off for non-payment. At the time of re-activation of an account locked-off for non-payment the Agency desires to impose a guarantee deposit of at least \$500 or two (2) times the average monthly water bill.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, effective immediately until further action by the Board of Directors, the guarantee deposit for two-inch (2-inch) Bulk Hauling Accounts be set as follows:

- New Two-Inch (2-inch) Bulk Hauling Meter Accounts: \$500 or two (2) times the average monthly water bill, whichever is greater.
- Existing Two-Inch (2-inch) Bulk Hauling Meter Accounts which have been "locked-off" for non-payment: \$500 or two (2) times the average monthly water bill, whichever is greater, in order to re-establish (activate) service.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency this 22th day of January 2013.

Attest:

David Larson, Board Secretary

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