CROSS-CONNECTION AND/OR BACKFLOW TARIFF

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this tariff is to protect EPCOR Water Arizona, Inc.'s Gateway Water District's ("Company") water from the possibility of contamination caused by the backflow of contaminants that may be present on the customer's premises by requiring the installation and periodic testing of backflow prevention assemblies pursuant to the provisions of the Arizona Administrative Code ("A.A.C.") R14-2-405.B.6 and A.A.C. R18-4-215.

REQUIREMENTS:

In compliance with the Rules of the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") and the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality ("ADEQ"), specifically A.A.C. R14-2-405.B.6 and A.A.C. R18-4-215 relating to backflow prevention:

1. The Company may require a customer to pay for and to have installed a backflow-prevention assembly if A.A.C. R18-4-215.B or C applies. The Company may also require a customer to pay for and to have installed a backflow prevention assembly for all fire line connections.

2. A backflow-prevention assembly required to be installed by the customer under Paragraph 1 of this tariff shall comply with the requirements set forth in A.A.C. R18-4-215.D and E.

3. Assemblies for domestic and irrigation service must be lead free Reduced Pressure Principle (RP) assemblies. Lead free Double Check Detector Assemblies are the minimum protection required for class 1 or 2 fire protection systems. Lead free Reduced Pressure Principle Detector Assemblies are the minimum protection required for all other fire protection systems.

4. Subject to the provisions of A.A.C. R14-2-407 and 410, and in accordance with Paragraphs 1 and 7 of this tariff, the Company may terminate service or may deny service to a customer who fails to install a backflow-prevention assembly as required by this tariff.

5. The Company shall give any existing customer who is required to install a backflow-prevention assembly written notice of said requirement. If A.A.C. R14-2-410.B.1.a. is **not** applicable, the customer shall be given thirty (30) days from the time such written notice is received in which to comply with this notice. If the customer can show good cause as to why he cannot install the backflow-prevention assembly within thirty (30) days, the Company or Commission Staff may suspend this requirement for a reasonable period of time.

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6. Testing shall be in conformance with the requirements of A.A.C. R18-4-215.F. The Company may require the customer to pay to have the backflow-prevention assembly tested as long as the Company does not require an unreasonable number of tests. Testing on backflow assemblies intended for permanent placement can only occur through permanent plumbing.

7. The customer shall provide the Company with records of installation and testing within ten (10) days of such work and in the manner prescribed by the Company for submission of records. For each backflow-prevention assembly, these records shall include:

a. assembly serial number, make, model, and size;
b. legal property address and approximate location of assembly within the property (e.g. 15723 E. Robinson Ave., Anthem, AZ (NWC Prop near gate));
c. date(s) of test(s);
d. description of repairs and recommendations for repairs made by tester;
e. the tester's name and certificate number;
f. the serial number of the test gauge used;
g. the meter identification number for metered connections;
h. premise number; and
i. customer contact information including email address.

8. In the event the backflow-prevention assembly does not function properly or fails any test, and an obvious hazard as contemplated under A.A.C. R14-2-410.B.1.a. exists, the Company may terminate service immediately and without notice. The backflow-prevention assembly shall be repaired or replaced by the customer and retested.

9. In the event the backflow-prevention assembly does not function properly or fails any test, or in the event that a customer fails to comply with the testing requirement, and A.A.C. R14-2-410.B.1.a. is not applicable, the backflow prevention assembly shall be repaired or replaced within fourteen (14) days of the initial discovery of the deficiency in the assembly or its function. Failure to remedy the deficiency or dysfunction of the assembly, or failure to retest, shall be grounds for termination of water service in accordance with A.A.C R14-2-410.