ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS BOARD U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY WASHINGTON, D.C.

In Re:	
Four Corners Power Plant NPDES Renewal Permit: NN0000019 Arizona Public Service Company (Applicant))) NPDES Appeal No. 19-06)

Petitioners' Unopposed Motion to Strike Administrative Record Document #30

Petitioners consulted with counsel for EPA and APS prior to filing this Motion.

EPA does not oppose this Motion and APS takes no position on the Motion.

- 1. This is an appeal of an NPDES permit issued by EPA Region 9.
- 2. The NPDES Final Permit was issued by EPA on September 30, 2019.
- 3. On December 18, 2019 EPA filed an index to the administrative record ("AR") for its NPDES permit issuance.
- 4. Included on EPA's index was Document #30, which is listed as "Email from Jeffrey Allmon, Pinnacle West to Dustin Minor Re: Water Balance at APS FCPP and Morgan Lake. December 10, 2019." AR Document #30 is attached hereto.
- 5. AR Document #30 involves a discussion between legal counsel for the permitee and EPA that occurred almost 2 ½ months *after* the Final Permit was issued by Region 9. As such, AR Document #30 could not have been considered by EPA Region 9 at the time it issued the Final Permit in question.

- 6. EPA regulations state that "[t]he record shall be complete on the date the final permit is issued." 40 C.F.R. § 124.18(c). *In re Dominion Energy Brayton Point, LLC,* 12 E.A.D. 490 *20 (2006).
- 7. Because AR Document #30 post-dates the final permit decision by 2 ½ months, could not have been considered by EPA at the time of the Final Permit issuance, and is a communication solely among counsel for EPA and the permittee, AR Document #30 should be stricken from the administrative record. EPA does not oppose this Motion and APS takes no position.

12/30/2019 Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing **Petitioners' Unopposed Motion to Strike Administrative Record Document #30** was served, by the method indicated, on the following persons this 30th day of December 2019:

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