

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING AND PUBLIC COMMENT MEETINGS**  
**ON THE APPLICATIONS OF MOUNTAIN PASS UTILITY COMPANY**  
**AND SADDLEBROOKE UTILITY COMPANY**  
**FOR INCREASES IN THEIR RATES AND CHARGES FOR**  
**WASTEWATER UTILITY SERVICE AND FOR AUTHORITY TO INCUR INDEBTEDNESS**

**(DOCKET NOS. SW-03841A-26-0078, SW-02849A-26-0079,**  
**SW-03861A-26-0178 AND SW-02849A-26-0179)**

**Rate Applications Summary**

On April 3, 2026, Mountain Pass Utility Company (“Mountain Pass”) and SaddleBrooke Utility Company (“Saddlebrooke”) (collectively, “Companies”) filed rate applications with the Arizona Corporation Commission (“Commission”), in Docket Nos. SW-03861A-26-0078 and SW-02849A-26-0079, requesting increases to their rates and charges for wastewater utility service. In their rate applications, the Companies also request authorization to consolidate into a single entity providing service under a single tariff of rates and charges.

**Mountain Pass’s Rate Application (Docket No. SW-03841A-26-0078)**

In its rate application, Mountain Pass proposes one set of rates to be used if the Commission authorizes the consolidation of the Companies, and a different set of a “stand-alone” rates to be used for Mountain Pass customers if the Commission does not approve consolidation. On a stand-alone basis, Mountain Pass requests authorization to increase its wastewater rates to generate total revenues of \$2,632,434, an increase in revenues of \$1,492,124 or approximately 130.85%, over adjusted test year revenues, resulting in a 9.02% rate of return on Mountain Pass’s proposed fair value rate base of \$11,053,967.

If Mountain Pass’s proposed stand-alone rates are approved, the monthly bill of a Mountain Pass customer using a 3/4” meter would increase by \$67.37, or 136.80%, from \$49.25 to \$116.62. In addition, Mountain Pass requests approval of a rate case expense surcharge of \$0.37 per customer per month for three years. With the rate case expense surcharge, the customer would pay \$116.99, a \$67.74, or 137.55%, increase to the current monthly bill.

If the Commission authorizes the Companies to consolidate and approves Mountain Pass’s consolidated rates, the monthly bill of a Mountain Pass customer using a 3/4” meter would increase by \$15.41, or 31.28%, from \$49.25 to \$64.66. If the Companies are consolidated, Mountain Pass requests a rate case expense surcharge of \$0.34 per customer per month for three years. On a consolidated basis, Mountain Pass’s proposed rates, including the rate case expense surcharge, would increase the monthly bill of a customer using a 3/4” meter from \$49.25 to \$65.00, a \$15.75, or 31.97%, increase.

**Saddlebrooke’s Rate Application (Docket No. SW-02849A-26-0079)**

In its rate application, Saddlebrooke proposes one set of rates to be used if the Commission authorizes the consolidation of the Companies, and a different set of stand-alone rates to be used for Saddlebrooke customers if the Commission does not approve consolidation. On a stand-alone basis, Saddlebrooke requests authorization to increase its wastewater rates to generate total revenues of \$3,122,615, an increase of \$809,952, or 35.02%, over adjusted test year revenues, resulting in a 9.02% rate of return on Saddlebrooke’s proposed fair value rate base of \$7,919,296.

If Saddlebrooke’s proposed stand-alone rates are approved, the monthly bill of a Saddlebrooke customer using a 5/8 x 3/4” meter would increase by \$11.62, or 33.25%, from \$34.95 to \$46.57. In addition, Saddlebrooke requests approval of a rate case expense surcharge of \$0.32 per customer per month for three years. With the rate case expense surcharge, the customer would pay \$46.89, an \$11.94, or 34.17%, increase to the current monthly bill.

If the Commission authorizes the Companies to consolidate and approves Saddlebrooke’s consolidated rates, the monthly bill of a Saddlebrooke customer using a 5/8 x 3/4” meter would increase by \$29.71, or 85.00%, from \$34.95 to \$64.66. If the Companies are consolidated, Saddlebrooke requests a rate case expense surcharge of \$0.34 per customer per month for three years. On a consolidated basis, Saddlebrooke’s proposed rates, including the rate case expense surcharge, would increase the monthly bill of a customer using a 5/8 x 3/4” meter from \$34.95 to \$65.00, a \$30.05, or 85.97%, increase.

### **Financing Applications Summary**

On May 6, 2026, Mountain Pass filed a financing application with the Commission in Docket No. SW-03841A-26-0178. In its financing application, Mountain Pass requests authority to incur debt in an amount not to exceed \$8,500,000, and to encumber its real property and plant as security for such debt.

On May 6, 2026, Saddlebrooke filed a financing application with the Commission in Docket No. SW-02849A-26-0179. In its financing application, Saddlebrooke requests authority to incur debt in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000, and to encumber its real property and plant as security for such debt.

The Companies state that the financing applications are intended to allow them each to achieve a capital structure of 60% equity and 40% debt, in contrast to their current capital structures of 100% equity, and for financing capital expenditures and/or general corporate purposes. The Companies propose to obtain the loans from JW Water Holdings, LLC or another affiliated company, at a fixed interest rate based on the 20-year U.S. Treasury rate applicable at each loan's closing, plus 150 basis points, and to have each loan mature up to 20 years after its closing.

The Commission has now consolidated the Companies' rate applications and financing applications and will consider these applications as a single matter.

**NEITHER THE COMMISSION'S UTILITIES DIVISION ("STAFF") NOR ANY INTERVENOR HAS YET MADE ANY RECOMMENDATION REGARDING THE COMPANIES' RATE APPLICATIONS OR FINANCING APPLICATIONS. THE COMMISSION IS NOT BOUND BY THE PROPOSALS OF THE COMPANIES, STAFF, OR ANY INTERVENORS. THE COMMISSION WILL DETERMINE THE APPROPRIATE RELIEF TO BE GRANTED IN RESPONSE TO THE COMPANIES' RATE APPLICATIONS AND FINANCING APPLICATIONS BASED ON THE EVIDENCE PRESENTED IN THIS MATTER. THE FINAL RATES APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION MAY BE HIGHER, LOWER, OR DIFFERENT THAN THE RATES PROPOSED BY THE COMPANIES OR BY OTHER PARTIES.**

### **Contact Information**

A customer with questions concerning how the applications may affect his or her bill or other substantive questions may call the Companies toll-free at **888-712-1120**, or may email the Companies at: [contactus@mountainpassutility.com](mailto:contactus@mountainpassutility.com) and [contactus@saddlebrookeutility.com](mailto:contactus@saddlebrookeutility.com).

### **How You Can View or Obtain Copies of the Applications**

Copies of the rate applications and financing applications are available from the Companies on the internet via their websites, [www.jwwater.com/mountainpassutility](http://www.jwwater.com/mountainpassutility) (Mountain Pass) and [www.jwwater.com/saddlebrookeutility](http://www.jwwater.com/saddlebrookeutility) (Saddlebrooke); at the Commission's Docket Control Center at 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona during regular business hours; and on the Commission website ([www.azcc.gov](http://www.azcc.gov)) using the e-Docket function.

### **Arizona Corporation Commission Public Hearing Information**

The Commission will hold a hearing on this matter beginning **January 5, 2027, at 10:00 a.m.**, and continuing as needed at **9:00 a.m. on January 6 and 7, 2027, at 1:00 p.m. on January 8, 2027, and at 9:00 a.m. on January 28 and 29, 2027**, at the Commission's offices at 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona, 85007.

### **Public Comment Opportunities**

The Commission will take public comment on these matters as follows:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Call-in Information</b>
November 9, 2026	5:30 p.m.	N/A (Telephonic Only)	Call: 1-877-309-3457 Passcode: 801972877##
January 5, 2027	10:00 a.m.	1200 W. Washington St. Phoenix, AZ 85007	Call: 1-877-309-3457 Passcode: 801972877##

**Written public comments** may be submitted by mailing a letter referencing **Docket Nos. SW-03841A-26-0078, SW-02849A-26-0079, SW-03861A-26-0178 and SW-02849A-26-0179** to Arizona Corporation Commission, Consumer Services Section, 1200 West Washington, Phoenix, AZ 85007, or by submitting comments on the Commission’s website ([www.azcc.gov](http://www.azcc.gov)) using “Meetings & Cases” and “Make a Public Comment in a Docket.” If you require assistance, you may contact the Consumer Services Section at 602-542-4251 or 1-800-222-7000.

**If you do not intervene in this matter, you will receive no further notice of the proceedings in this matter unless you sign up to Follow the Docket. However, all documents filed in this matter are available online** (usually within 24 hours after docketing) at the Commission’s website ([www.azcc.gov](http://www.azcc.gov)) using the e-Docket function. **Information on how to Follow a Docket is available on the Commission’s website by clicking on “Divisions” and then “Hearing” and then “Following a Docket.”**

### **About Intervention**

The law provides for an open public hearing at which, under appropriate circumstances, interested persons may intervene. An interested person may be granted intervention if the outcome of the case will directly and substantially impact the person, and the person’s intervention will not unduly broaden the issues in the case. Intervention, among other things, entitles a party to present sworn evidence at hearing and to cross-examine other parties’ witnesses. **Intervention is not required for you to appear at the hearing and provide public comment, to file written comments in the docket for the case, or to receive emailed notice of each filing made in the case by following the docket.**

**Information about what intervention means, including an explanation of the rights and responsibilities of an intervenor, is available on the Commission’s website ([www.azcc.gov](http://www.azcc.gov)) by clicking on “Divisions” and then “Hearing” and then “Intervene in a Case.”** The information includes a Sample Intervention Request and a Fillable Intervention Request Form.

To request intervention, you must file a written request to intervene, either (a) by filing a hard copy request (meeting filing requirements) with Docket Control (Docket Control, 1200 West Washington, Phoenix, AZ 85007), or (b) by eFiling the request. Your request **must be filed or eFiled no later than September 8, 2026.** Instructions and restrictions for eFiling are available on the Commission’s website at <http://azcc.gov/hearing/efiling>. You also **must** serve a copy of the request to intervene on each party of record, on the same day that you file the request to intervene with the Commission.

Your request to intervene **must** contain the information below:

1. Your name, address, and telephone number;
2. The docket number for the case in which you are requesting to intervene;
3. A short statement explaining:
  - a. Your interest in the proceeding (e.g., a customer of the regulated company involved, a property owner in an area to be affected by the case, etc.),
  - b. How you will be directly and substantially affected by the outcome of the case, and
  - c. Why your intervention will not unduly broaden the issues in the case;
4. A statement certifying that you have sent a copy of your request to intervene to the regulated company or its attorney and to all other parties of record in the case and showing the names of the parties to whom service was provided and the addresses (which could be email addresses) used; and
5. If you are not represented by an attorney who is an active member of the Arizona State Bar, and you are not representing yourself as an individual, sufficient information and any appropriate documentation to demonstrate compliance with Arizona Supreme Court Rules 31.1, 31.2, 31.3, 38, 39, and 42, as applicable. This only applies if you are NOT representing yourself and you are not a licensed attorney.

The granting of motions to intervene shall be governed by A.A.C. R14-3-105, except that all motions to intervene must be filed on or before September 8, 2026.

### **ADA/Equal Access Information**

The Commission does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission to its public meetings. Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation such as a sign language interpreter, as well as request this document in an alternative format, by contacting the ADA Coordinator for the Hearing Division, E-mail [HearingDivision@azcc.gov](mailto:HearingDivision@azcc.gov), voice phone number 602-542-4250. Requests should be made as early as possible and no later than 48 hours in advance of the event to allow time to arrange the accommodation.