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**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
DISTRICT OF ARIZONA**

In re:
PUERCO VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT,

Debtor.

Chapter 9

Case No. 2:26-bk-07566-MCW

**ORDER APPROVING NOTICE OF
COMMENCEMENT OF CASE UNDER
CHAPTER 9, AUTOMATIC STAY,
DEADLINE TO OBJECT TO
PETITION, DEADLINE TO FILE
PROOFS OF CLAIM AND SETTING
HEARING ON OBJECTIONS**

Date: November 3, 2026

Time: 2:00 PM

Location: 230 N. First Ave., Courtroom
702, Phoenix, Arizona 85003 or Zoom
for Government videoconference

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Puerco Valley Fire District (the “District” or “Debtor”) commenced a case under Chapter 9 of title 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code (the “Bankruptcy Code”) on July 30, 2026. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED Debtor is directed to separately mail the attached Notice of Commencement (“Notice”) upon all entities entitled to notice of this case under the Bankruptcy Code, the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, the Local Bankruptcy Rules for the District of Arizona. The Debtor shall file a declaration or certificate of service establishing compliance with this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED Debtor shall also publish the Notice in both the **Navajo Times** and the **White Mountain Independent** as required by 11 U.S.C. § 923. Debtor shall file proof of publication demonstrating compliance with this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED any objection to Debtor's Chapter 9 petition under 11 U.S.C. § 921(c) shall be filed and served no later than **Tuesday, October 20, 2026** and that any timely objection to the petition shall be heard on **Tuesday, November 3, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. MST** at 230 N. First Ave., Courtroom 702, Phoenix, Arizona, 85003 or by Zoom for Government videoconference, www.zoomgov.com, Meeting ID: 160 2682 4253, Passcode: 425399. Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 921(d), if the petition is not dismissed following a timely objection, the Court shall order relief under Chapter 9.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED the automatic stay provided by 11 U.S.C. §§ 362 and 922 is in effect, subject to the Bankruptcy Code and applicable statutory exceptions.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED the deadline for filing proofs of claim is established as **Tuesday, October 27, 2026**. Information regarding how to file a proof of claim, and the proof of claim form (Bankruptcy Form B 410), can be found on the Court's website at <https://www.azb.uscourts.gov/proof-claim-form-and-instructions>. To be timely filed, the proof of claim **must be received by the Clerk of Court**, 230 N. First Ave., Suite 101, Phoenix, Arizona 85003, on or before the above deadline.

DATED AND SIGNED ABOVE.

• ATTACHMENT •

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**NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT
OF CASE UNDER CHAPTER 9, AUTOMATIC STAY, DEADLINE TO
OBJECT TO PETITION, DEADLINE TO FILE PROOFS OF CLAIM, AND
HEARING ON OBJECTIONS**

TO: ALL CREDITORS, HOLDERS OF CLAIMS, TAXPAYERS, PARTIES IN INTEREST,
AND OTHER PERSONS ENTITLED TO NOTICE:

1. COMMENCEMENT OF CASE. On July 30, 2026, Puerco Valley Fire District, a special taxing district (the "District"), filed a petition under chapter 9 of the United States Bankruptcy Code (the "Bankruptcy Code") in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Arizona (the "Court"). All documents filed with the Court are available for inspection via the Court's CM/ECF system, which may be accessed on a subscription basis at the following internet address: www.azb.uscourts.gov.

- **Non-CM/ECF document access** - Parties who are not authorized users of the Court's CM/ECF system may obtain access to certain documents and other pleadings filed in this case by accessing <https://www.azb.uscourts.gov/re-puerco-valley-fire-district>.

2. AUTOMATIC STAY. The filing of the District's petition operates as an automatic stay of actions against the District, including, among other things, the enforcement of any judgment, any act to obtain property from the District, any act to create, perfect, or enforce any lien against property of the District, any act to collect, assess or recover a claim against the District, and the commencement or continuation of any judicial, administrative, or any other action or proceeding against the District. 11 U.S.C. §§ 362 and 922.

3. DEADLINE FOR OBJECTIONS TO PETITION AND ENTRY OF AN ORDER FOR RELIEF. Creditors and other parties in interest may file objections regarding eligibility or good faith or to the entry of an order for relief. 11 U.S.C. § 921(c). Objections must be filed with the court and served no later than 5:00 p.m. MST on **Tuesday, October 20, 2026**. Written objection must reach the Court no later than 5:00 p.m. MST on October 20, 2026 at the following address: The Clerk of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Arizona, 230 1st Ave, Suite 101, Phoenix, AZ 85003. Any objection shall state the facts and legal authorities that support the objection and shall be served on counsel for the District, Thomas J. Salerno, KUTAK ROCK, via email to tom.salerno@kutakrock.com.

4. HEARING ON OBJECTIONS. If a timely objection is filed and served, the Court will consider it at a hearing scheduled for **Tuesday, November 3, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. MST** time at 230 N. First Ave., Courtroom 702, Phoenix, Arizona 85003. Participants may also appear by videoconference at: www.zoomgov.com, Zoom Meeting ID: 160 2682 4253, Passcode: 425399.

5. ENTRY OF ORDER FOR RELIEF. After the hearing, the Court may dismiss the petition, subject to 11 U.S.C. § 921(e), if it determines that the District did not file the petition in good faith or if the petition does not meet the requirements of the Bankruptcy Code. If the Court does not dismiss the petition, it will enter an order for relief, allowing the case to proceed under chapter 9. 11 U.S.C. § 921(d).

6. NOTICE OF TIME FOR FILING PROOFS OF CLAIMS. The deadline for filing proofs of claim has been established as **Tuesday, October 27, 2026**. The District has filed or will file with the Court a list of creditors under § 924, and any claim listed is deemed to be a proof of claim under § 501, unless it is listed as contingent, disputed, or unliquidated. 11 U.S.C. § 925. Creditors whose claims are listed as disputed, contingent, or unliquidated or are not listed at all must file proofs of claim to be treated as creditors with respect to such claims for purposes of voting and distribution. Fed. R. Bankr. P. 3003(c)(2). To be timely filed, the proof of claim **must be received by the Clerk of Court**, 230 N. First Ave., Suite 101, Phoenix, Arizona 85003, on or before the above deadline. Information regarding how to file a proof of claim, and the proof of claim form (Bankruptcy Form B 410), can be found on the Court's website at <https://www.azb.uscourts.gov/proof-claim-form-and-instructions>.

FAILURE TO TIMELY FILE A WRITTEN OPPOSITION TO THE PETITION MAY RESULT IN THE ORDER FOR RELIEF BEING ENTERED.

FAILURE TO TIMELY FILE A CLAIM MAY BAR YOU FROM VOTING OR RECEIVING A DISTRIBUTION.

DATED this 12th day of August 2026.

Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court:
Khadijia V. White—Thomas