



## **Azusa Light & Water**

The Azusa water utility was established on April 1, 1901 with initial capital of \$537.50. The City was a major shareholder of the Azusa Agricultural Water Company in addition to its municipal water system. Azusa has always relied on ground water to provide water to its citizens and businesses.

The Azusa electric utility was the successor to Azusa Electric Light & Power Company in 1904 for \$2,300 and formally established its municipal electric utility. Electricity was purchased wholesale from the Sierra Electric Company and then distributed retail to our citizens and businesses. After Southern California Edison acquired Sierra Electric Company in 1917, Azusa began to buy electricity wholesale from SCE.

In the early 1980s, Azusa joined several other California municipal utilities allowing the Department to purchase energy in the open market.

### ***Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station***

Azusa participated in the construction of the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station and obtained a portion of the hydroelectric generation capacity from Hoover Hydroelectric Project in 1986. The city has since negotiated several power purchase contracts to become self-sufficient in electric energy requirements to supply its population.

### ***The Department Today***

On July 27, 1993 the Azusa Light & Water Department purchased the Azusa Valley Water Company. Today, the department serves approximately 16,500 electric and 23,000 water customers. Our customers enjoy one of the lowest electric and water rates in Southern California metropolitan area. We are proud to be part of the services provided by the City of Azusa.