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IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT)
APPLICATION BETWEEN CITIZENS)
UTILITIES COMPANY AND CAP ROCK)
ENERGY CORPORATION FOR THE)
APPROVAL OF THE SALE OF CERTAIN)
ELECTRIC UTILITY PROPERTIES IN)
ARIZONA AND THE TRANSFER OF THE)
CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND)
NECESSITY FROM CITIZENS TO CAP ROCK)

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**STAFF'S RESPONSE TO CLARIFYING
MOTION REQUESTING CONTINUED
SUSPENSION OF PROCEEDINGS**

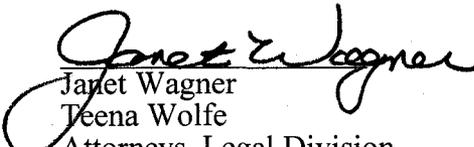
Arizona Corporation Commission staff ("Staff") hereby responds to the Clarifying Motion Requesting Continued Suspension of Proceedings filed jointly by Cap Rock Energy Corporation ("Cap Rock") and Citizens Utilities Company ("Citizens") (collectively, "the Applicants") on November 16, 2000. In this motion, the Applicants ask the Commission to continue to indefinitely postpone the procedural schedule in this matter.

Staff would prefer for the Applicants to withdraw their pending application and refile it when they are ready to proceed with the transaction. This course of action would lead to a simpler proceeding: Staff's review and analysis would be based upon a single, timely application instead of a stale application that has been updated and amended by subsequent filings. Staff agrees that any dismissal or withdrawal of the current application should be without prejudice. Accordingly, there is no disadvantage to any party.

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1 Nonetheless, Staff does not object to an indefinite continuance as long as the Applicants
2 agree to waive all facets of the timeclock rule, A.A.C. R14-2-212.E. With that understanding, Staff
3 does not oppose the Applicants' request.

4 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 4th day of December, 2000.

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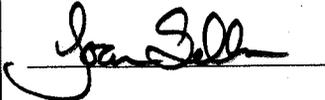
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