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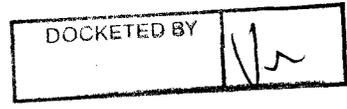
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Re: Modification of Procedural Order Setting Hearing Schedule: In the Matter of the Joint Application between Citizens Utilities Company and Cap Rock Energy Corporation for the Approval of the Sale of Certain Electric Utility Properties in Arizona: Docket Nos. E-01032A-00-0163; E-01032B-00-0163; E-01032C-00-0163; E-03851A-00-0163

Dear Honorable Jerry Rudibaugh:

Cap Rock and Citizens have requested that the procedural schedule in the above captioned matter be delayed in order to respond to various developments over the past few weeks, including responding to RUCO's prefiled testimony in an effort to fully address the issues raised and potentially narrow the issues for the hearing and in order to accommodate a request from Mr. Marvin Lustiger, an intervenor in the proceeding, to reset the hearing date. We have discussed the proposed delay with all parties to this case, and all contacted parties have consented to a proposed delay.

I also discussed the proposed delay with you on August 11, 2000 and you indicated that it would be acceptable. Pursuant to our telephone conversation, you requested that I submit the proposal to you via letter, copying all parties, and indicating that you would issue a procedural order setting forth the new dates.

Based on negotiations with the parties, Cap Rock respectfully submits the following proposed schedule:

1. Direct testimony and associated exhibits to be presented at hearing on behalf of Applicants to be reduced to writing and filed on or before October 16, 2000.

2. Direct testimony and associated exhibits to be presented at hearing on behalf of Staff or Intervenors to be reduced to writing and filed on or before December 15, 2000.
3. Any rebuttal testimony and associated exhibits to be presented at hearing by Applicants to be reduced to writing and filed on or before January 5, 2001.
4. Any surrebuttal testimony and associated exhibits to be presented at hearing by Staff or Intervenors to be reduced to writing and filed on or before January 26, 2001.
5. Prehearing conference and hearing date to be set on the next available dates.

We appreciate your consideration and advance acceptance of our proposal. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,



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