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E-01345A-05-0816

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**ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION  
UTILITY COMPLAINT FORM**

**Investigator:** Carmen Madrid      **Phone:** [REDACTED]      **Fax:** [REDACTED]

**Priority:** Respond Within Five Days

**Opinion No.** 2005 - 48553      **Date:** 11/29/2005

**Complaint Description:** 08A Rate Case Items - Opposed

**First:**      **Last:**

**Complaint By:** Barbara U'ren

**Account Name:** Cottonwood Oak Creek School District      **Home:** (000) 000-0000

**Street:** n/a      **Work:** (928) 634-2288

**City:** Cottonwood      **CBR:** [REDACTED]

**State:** AZ      Zip: 00000      **is:** E-Mail

**Utility Company:** Arizona Public Service Company

**Division:** Electric

**Contact Name:** For assignment      **Contact Phone:** (602) 000-0000

**Nature of Complaint:**

Sent: Tuesday, November 29, 2005 8:13 AM  
To: Utilities Div - Mailbox  
Subject: 20% Increase

Thank you for requesting input from the public. A 20% increase for Cottonwood-Oak Creek School District may result in the elimination of two beginning teachers. Our district has 63% of our students on free and reduced lunches. It is important to the district to give our kindergarten children an additional opportunity to be successful by providing them with all day kindergarten. We have already gone to the community to ask for overrides to keep our all day kindergarten in operation, which the state does not fund; a 20% increase in our electric bill would require careful scrutiny of continuation of all-day kindergarten. Even if we were lose teachers to an increase, our teachers currently receive a salary that is not commensurate with many other states or other districts in the state. We have had teachers who have endured a 5 year freeze. Costs for staff's insurance has risen dramatically making it all the more difficult to adequately fund teacher's salaries. Working with tight operating purse strings and the demands placed upon public education system, we are working hard to retain the teachers we have and recruit new teachers to our district. This 20% increase would have a very negative impact on teachers future, our local public education system and the community's children whom we serve.

Barbara U'Ren, Assistant Superintendent  
Cottonwood Oak Creek School District  
\*End of Complaint\*

**Utilities' Response:**

**Investigator's Comments and Disposition:**

11/29/05 Opinion noted and filed in Docket No. E-01345A-05-0816  
\*End of Comments\*

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