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Dear Chairman Spitzer and Members of the Arizona Corporation Commission:

Thank you for inviting me as a member of the Coconino County Board of Supervisors to comment on the finalization of the proposed sale of Citizen's Utilities Gas to Unisource Energy.

As a County Supervisor, I have had a very positive working relationship with Citizen's Utilities and look forward to an equally positive relationship with Unisource. I know that the majority of the employees who worked for Citizen's Utilities will be retained in the transfer of ownership and that is very much appreciated since we do not want a loss of jobs with the transfer.

In addition, I have not received any negative comments from county constituents regarding this sale. Unisource is an Arizona based company and that will provide some consistency and stability to the service area of Coconino County.

I am very pleased to learn of the community-minded reputation Unisource Energy has in many of the communities for which they provide service to. I understand Unisource Energy encourages its employees to give back to the community through volunteer service and that Unisource is committed as a company to supporting community efforts. I know they will be equally as community-minded in our service area.

In regards to rate increases, no one would prefer a rate increase. However, I am pleased to know the rate increase that Unisource seeks is less than the rate increase Citizen's Utilities was seeking.

Thank you for allowing me to comment on this matter before you.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth C. Archuleta
Supervisor, District 2