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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)
OF THE ARIZONA ELECTRIC DIVISION OF)
CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY)
TO CHANGE THE CURRENT PURCHASED)
POWER AND FUEL ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE)
BANK, AND TO REQUEST APPROVED)
GUIDELINES FOR THE RECOVERY OF)
COSTS INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH)
ENERGY RISK MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES)

DOCKET NO. E-01032C-00-0751

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY,)
ARIZONA GAS DIVISION, FOR A HEARING)
TO DETERMINE THE FAIR VALUE OF ITS)
PROPERTIES FOR RATEMAKING PURPOSES,)
TO FIX A JUST AND REASONABLE RATE OF)
RETURN THEREON, AND TO APPROVE RATE)
SCHEDULES DESIGNED TO PROVIDE SUCH)
RATE OF RETURN.)

DOCKET NO. G-01032A-02-0598

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY)
AND UNISOURCE ENERGY CORPORATION)
FOR APPROVAL FOR THE SALE OF CERTAIN)
ELECTRIC UTILITY AND GAS UTILITY)
ASSETS IN ARIZONA, THE TRANSFER OF)
CERTAIN CERTIFICATES OF CONVENIENCE)
AND NECESSITY FROM CITIZENS COMMUN-)
ICATIONS COMPANY TO UNISOURCE)
ENERGY CORPORATION, THE APPROVAL)
OF THE FINANCING FOR THE TRANS-)
ACTIONS AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS.)

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STAFF'S REQUEST FOR
PROCEDURAL CONFERENCE

Staff of the Utilities Division ("Staff") of the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") respectfully requests a procedural conference in order to determine the presentation of witnesses and the order of parties for the evidentiary hearing on the above-captioned cases, currently scheduled to commence May 1, 2003.

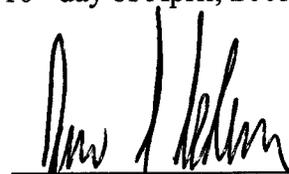
Staff intends to have the following persons testify in support of the Settlement Agreement filed on April 1, 2003: Linda Jaress, Executive Consultant III; John Thornton, Chief of the Financial

1 & Regulatory Analysis Section; Lee Smith, Staff Consultant from LaCapra Associates; and James
2 Dittmer, Staff Consultant from Utilitech. Staff intends to file a Joint Staff Report in lieu of testimony
3 illuminating the merits of the Settlement Agreement and the acquisition of Citizen Communications
4 Company's electric and gas utility assets by UniSource Energy Corporation in general, as well as
5 addressing several of the specific provisions of the Agreement.

6 Due to the availability of Staff witnesses, Staff would respectfully request that its case be
7 scheduled to be presented on May 1 or May 2, 2003 after the Joint Applicants present their case.

8 Staff would request that it be permitted to present its case at the evidentiary hearing by
9 having all four witnesses testify as a panel. Given that the Settlement Agreement is composed of a
10 multitude of different parts that are inextricably related to one another, Staff believes that a panel
11 presentation is the most efficient method of presenting its case at the hearing. Consequently, a panel
12 presentation will best allow for all other parties to most easily and effectively examine all aspects of
13 Staff's position on the Settlement Agreement.

14 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 10th day of April, 2003.

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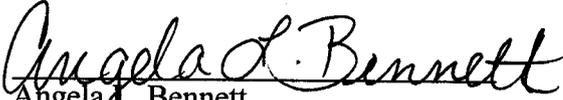
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