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Dear Chairman Spitzer and members of the Arizona Corporation Commission:

I am a resident of Lake Havasu City and a customer of Citizens\* Arizona Electric Utility. On May 1 the Corporation Commission conducted a hearing in Phoenix regarding the proposed acquisition of Citizens\* Arizona Electric and Gas Divisions by Unisource Energy Corporation; Citizens\* Electric Division\*s request to recover costs stemming from an increase in the cost of electricity (Purchased Power Fuel Adjustor Case); and a pending rate case for Citizens\* Gas Division. Recently, Administrative Law Judge Dwight D. Nodes rendered his opinion to the Commission and recommended you approve a 22% increase in the cost of electricity (Purchased Power Fuel Adjustor Case) for several regions in Arizona, including Lake Havasu City.

I oppose the proposed 22% increase in the cost of electricity. While price increases for goods and services are inevitable, a 22% increase in utility rates under which all citizens must bear would severely impact our local economy and will hinder the growth and reduce the quality of life in Lake Havasu City. The ratepayer\*s were not involved in the poor decisions made by Citizens\* management team and therefore, Citizens\* shareholders and not the ratepayers should be required to bear the burden of the error in judgment made by Citizens\* management.

It is our understanding the Commission will make its ruling on this issue during an open meeting in Phoenix on either July 1 or 2. I urge you to listen to the residents and voters in Lake Havasu City, consider the negative affect a double digit increase in electric rates would bring to our community, and disallow the increase in rates as currently proposed.

Sincerely,

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