



IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT APPLICATION )  
 OF CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY )  
 AND UNISOURCE ENERGY CORPORATION ) DOCKET NO. E-01933A-02-0914  
 FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE SALE OF ) DOCKET NO. E-01032C-02-0914  
 CERTAIN ELECTRIC UTILITY AND GAS ) DOCKET NO. G-01032A-02-0914  
 UTILITY ASSETS IN ARIZONA, THE TRANSFER )  
 OF CERTAIN CERTIFICATES OF CONVENIENCE )  
 AND NECESSITY FROM CITIZENS )  
 COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY TO UNISOURCE )  
 ENERGY CORPORATION, THE APPROVAL OF )  
 THE FINANCING FOR THE TRANSACTIONS AND )  
 OTHER RELATED MATTERS. )  
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**Memorandum in Reply**

Pursuant to A.A.C. R14-3-101.A, A.A.C. R14-3-106.K and Rule 7.1(a) of the Arizona Rules of Civil Procedure, and for the reasons that follow, Southwest Gas Corporation ("Southwest") respectfully submits this memorandum in reply to the Joint Applicants' opposition to the Supplemental Application for Leave to Intervene filed by Southwest.

The purpose of this filing is to clarify any potential misunderstanding regarding Southwest's interest and concern which may arise as a result of statements made in the Joint Applicants' filing in opposition. The Joint Applicants assert: "This case is not the proper forum for addressing Southwest Gas' concerns about its special retail contract with TEP."

In Southwest's Supplemental Application for Leave to Intervene, no mention whatsoever is made of the contract between Southwest and TEP. Moreover, notwithstanding the Joint Applicants' implications to the contrary, Southwest is not seeking any relief in this proceeding associated with the contractual relationship between Southwest and TEP. Rather, Southwest's interest and concern is identical to the interest and concern of the Commission and all of the parties to this proceeding – i.e., whether or not TEP's financial

status and TEP's ability to provide a safe, reasonable and adequate service may be impaired by virtue of (1) a \$50 million loan to its affiliate UniSource and (2) a relaxation of the current 30% equity-infusion requirement embodied in the Commission-approved settlement in Decision No. 62103.

Respectfully submitted this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2003.



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