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IN THE MATTER OF COMPETITION
IN THE PROVISION OF ELECTRIC
SERVICES THROUGHOUT THE
STATE OF ARIZONA.

DOCKET NO. U-0000-94-165

**RUCO'S MOTION TO CONTINUE
THE FILING OF COMMENTS TO
STAFF'S DRAFT RULE.**

The Residential Utility Consumer Office ("RUCO") hereby requests that the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") continue the deadline to submit comments to the draft rule proposed by Commission Staff.

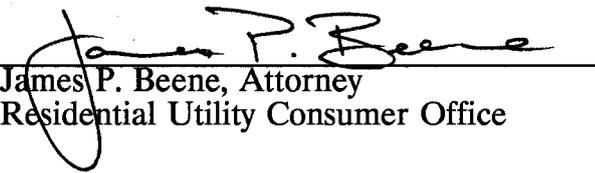
In 1994, the Commission established a docket to investigate the issue of retail electric competition. The Commission solicited comments on how to implement electric restructuring in February 1996, and comments from interested parties were filed in June 1996. Since the June filing of comments, the Commission Staff has analyzed the information submitted by the various parties and has recently prepared a draft rule that proposes to introduce electric competition in Arizona. On August 28, 1996, the Commission Staff issued a letter to all interested parties requesting that all parties submit comments regarding the draft rule by September 12, 1996.

RUCO believes that the nine working day time period imposed by the Commission Staff to submit comments on the draft rule is too abbreviated. RUCO has engaged an out-of-state expert in the electric competition field to assist in the formulation of RUCO's position regarding the initiation of retail electric competition. In order to more thoroughly analyze the Commission Staff's proposed rule and prepare a thoughtful and well-reasoned comment, RUCO is requesting that the Commission extend the deadline to submit comments by thirty (30) days, to October 11, 1996. This requested extension would not unduly delay the progress of this docket. Conversely, it is RUCO's position that this continuance would allow all the parties additional time to analyze and comment on this

1 complex rule that will have a profound effect on the residential electric consumer and the
2 electric industry.

3 For these reasons, RUCO respectfully requests that the Commission continue the
4 filing of the comments to Commission Staff's draft rule to October 11, 1996.

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6 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 5th day of September, 1996.

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