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RE: Docket No. E-00000A-02-0051 et. al. – Electric Competition Advisory Group, Quarterly Report

On September 10, 2003 in Decision No. 65154 (“Track A Decision”), the Commission ordered Staff to form an Electric Competition Advisory Group (“ECAG”) and to prepare and file quarterly reports detailing the activities of the ECAG. According to the Track A Decision, the first report is due in January 2003. This is the first report regarding the ECAG and covers the status of the group as of January 2003.

The purpose of the ECAG is to facilitate communication and information sharing among Staff, stakeholders, and market participants relating to events in the wholesale and retail marketplace and to identify impediments to competition.

Although the group has not met as of January 2003, the Arizona Corporation Commission’s Utilities Division (“Utilities Division”) is in the process of identifying individuals who would like to participate in the group and requesting feedback from the group’s members on the types of issues to be discussed at the first meeting.

To date, the Director of the Utilities Division has sent a letter describing the group and requesting participation in the ECAG on a voluntary basis to: the Track A service list, members participating in the Track B process, members of the Process Standardization Working Group, and the Electric Service Providers currently certificated within the state. In addition, the letter has been posted to the Commission’s website.

In response to that request, the Utilities Division has received responses from approximately 40 individuals representing various stakeholder groups indicating that they would like to participate in the ECAG. Once the list of participants is finalized, a request for feedback on the types of issues to be discussed at the first meeting will be sent to the members of the group. The first meeting of the ECAG is tentatively expected to take place within the March/April 2003 timeframe.

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This first status report is being sent to the Track A service list. However, all future quarterly status reports regarding the ECAG will be made available on the Utilities Division's website or through docket control. In addition, the reports will be forwarded electronically to the participants in the ECAG. If you require a hard copy to be sent to you, please notify Docket Control in writing.

If you have any further questions, you can contact Erinn Andreasen of Staff at (602)542-0748.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. G. Johnson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ernest G. Johnson
Director
Utilities Division