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TO: THE COMMISSION

FROM: Utilities Division

DATE: May 8, 1998

RE: IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY CITIZENS UTILITIES COMPANY – OF UNBUNDLED AND STANDARD OFFER SERVICE TARIFFS PURSUANT TO A.A.C. R14-2-1606 (DOCKET NO. E-01032C-97-0774)

On December 31, 1997, Citizens Utilities Company (Company) filed its unbundled and standard offer service tariffs pursuant R14-2-1606. In this filing, the Company has priced electric service elements such as transmission and distribution. The Company has also filed standard offer tariffs which increase, decrease and change rates for various customer classes (residential, small general, etc.).

Effective December 26, 1996, the Commission rules governing the parameters of retail electric competition. Pursuant to R14-2-1606(C), each incumbent utility must file Unbundled Service Tariffs to provide the following services to all eligible purchasers on a nondiscriminatory basis: Distribution service; Meter and meter reading service; Billing and collection service; Open access transmission service; Ancillary services; Information services; and Other ancillary services necessary for safe and reliable system operation. Pursuant to R14-2-1606(B), each incumbent utility may also file proposed tariffs to provide standard offer bundled service.

Decision No. 60575, dated January 14, 1998, suspended this filing until May 29, 1998. Due to the size and magnitude of this filing, Staff is recommending the Commission suspend this filing for an additional period of one hundred and eighty days.

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BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

JIM IRVIN
Commissioner - Chairman
RENZ D. JENNINGS
Commissioner
CARL J. KUNASEK
Commissioner

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY)
CITIZENS UTILITIES COMPANY -)
OF UNBUNDLED AND STANDARD)
OFFER SERVICE TARIFFS)
PURSUANT TO A.A.C. R14-2-1606)
_____)

DOCKET NO. E-01032C-97-0774

DECISION NO. _____

ORDER

Open Meeting
May 19 and 20, 1998
Phoenix, Arizona

BY THE COMMISSION:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Citizens Utilities Company (CUC or Company) is certified to provide electric service as a public service corporation in the State of Arizona.

2. On December 31, 1997, Citizens Utilities Company (Company) filed its unbundled and standard offer service tariffs pursuant R14-2-1606. In this filing, the Company has priced electric service elements such as transmission and distribution. The Company has also filed standard offer tariffs which increase, decrease and change rates for various customer classes (residential, small general, etc.).

3. Effective December 26, 1996, the Commission rules governing the parameters of retail electric competition. Pursuant to R14-2-1606(C), each incumbent utility must file Unbundled Service Tariffs to provide the following services to all eligible purchasers on a nondiscriminatory basis: Distribution service; Meter and meter reading service; Billing and collection service; Open access transmission service; Ancillary services; Information services; and Other ancillary services necessary for safe and reliable system operation. Pursuant to R14-2-1606(B), each incumbent utility may also file proposed tariffs to provide standard offer bundled service.

4. Decision No. 60575, dated January 14, 1998, suspended this filing until May 29, 1998. Due to the size and magnitude of this filing, Staff is recommending the Commission suspend this filing for an additional period of one hundred and eighty days.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. CUC is an Arizona public service corporation within the meaning of Article XV, Section 2, of the Arizona Constitution.

2. The Commission has jurisdiction over CUC and over the subject matter of the application.

3. The Commission, having reviewed the tariff pages (copies of which are contained in the Commission tariff files) and Staff's Memorandum dated May 8, 1998, concludes that it is in the public interest to suspend the filing for a period of one hundred eighty days

ORDER

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the tariff filing be and hereby suspended until and including November 25, 1998.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Decision shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

COMMISSIONER - CHAIRMAN

COMMISSIONER

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, JACK ROSE, Executive Secretary of the Arizona Corporation Commission, have hereunto, set my hand and caused the official seal of this Commission to be affixed at the Capitol, in the City of Phoenix, this _____ day of _____ 1998.

JACK ROSE
Executive Secretary

DISSENT _____

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