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**RESPONSE OF ARIZONA PUBLIC  
SERVICE COMPANY TO TEP  
REQUEST FOR MODIFICATION OF  
PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

Arizona Public Service Company ("APS" or the "Company") strongly supports the establishment of an evidentiary hearing on generic stranded cost issues as set forth in the December 1, 1997 Procedural Order. As it has since this docket was opened, APS also urges the Commission to immediately set similar evidentiary hearings on the wide array of other previously identified restructuring issues that must be resolved before meaningful retail access can begin.

Tucson Electric Power Company's ("TEP") December 3, 1997 "Request for Modification of Procedural Schedule" correctly points out that there is no compelling need for Affected Utilities to file testimony ahead of Commission Staff or other interested parties. Unlike most Commission hearings in which either the Staff or an applicant is a moving party requesting Commission action and thus would bear the burden of proof (or at least the burden of going forward), this generic proceeding appears to place all parties on essentially equal footing. In addition, the views of many of the parties are already reasonably well-known on a number of the issues set for hearing through the written comments submitted as part of the recently concluded working group process. Therefore, APS supports TEP's request for simultaneous testimony.



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