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7 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPETITION IN)
THE PROVISION OF ELECTRIC SERVICES)
8 THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF ARIZONA.)
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DOCKET NO. U-0000-94-165
**STAFF'S REQUEST FOR
EXTENSION OF TIME**

10 Staff of the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Staff") hereby files this request for
11 an extension of time until January 21, 1998, to file its direct testimony in this proceeding.

12 The First Amended Procedural Order establishes January 16, 1998, as the date on
13 which Staff and parties other than the Affected Utilities and SRP are required to file direct testimony.
14 Shortly after the First Amended Procedural Order was issued on December 11, 1997, the Director
15 of the Utilities Division, who was anticipated to be the Staff's primary witness, resigned. This has
16 resulted in the Staff being required to identify another primary witness.

17 Staff has been attempting to obtain the services of a consultant, a process which has
18 been hindered by the holiday season, by the short time frame for preparing testimony, and by the fact
19 that the Assistant Director of the Utilities Division was out of the country and did not return to the
20 office until December 26, 1997. Staff has nevertheless identified a consultant who will provide
21 testimony as the Staff's primary witness. However, that consultant is currently completing work
22 under another contract and is unavailable to begin working on testimony in this proceeding until at
23 least January 7. The consultant is unable to prepare testimony by January 16, but would be able to
24 do so by January 21.

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1 As a result of these exceptional and unavoidable circumstances, Staff requests a short
2 extension of two business days, until January 21, 1998, for filing its testimony. Staff recognizes the
3 importance of these proceedings and the need to avoid delay and therefore has requested as short an
4 extension as possible in order to have a minimal impact on the procedural schedule.

5 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 2nd day of January, 1998.

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