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RE: DOCKET NO. RR-03639A-08-0053

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Dear Mr. Raber:

This letter is to file a formal comment to the Arizona Corporation Commission's staff report on the aforementioned docket, relative to the application of the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) Company to alter a crossing of the UPRR at Prince Road in Tucson. We note that the staff report does not support a grade separation at this location at this time. We are concerned with this assessment, as Prince Road is a major east-west thoroughfare and a primary access point from I-10 into the midtown area of Tucson.

There are two primary at-grade crossings which need to be addressed in this general area and ultimately improved to grade separated crossings. The first is UPRR's crossing at Ruthrauff Road. With the financial contribution of the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), they will be moving ahead with the construction of a grade separated crossing at this location prior to the Prince Road location. The Tucson Department of Transportation as well as ADOT's District Engineer's office believe it is more critical to advance this work before Prince Road so that once Prince Road is under construction, travelers will have a grade-separated alternate route to use. ADOT has committed to fund the grade-separated crossing at Prince Road in 2015. The reason for not moving head with the Prince Road location at this time is primarily due to limited financial resources and not the merits of grade separation at this location.

We respectfully request that when ADOT constructs the grade separation at Prince Road in 2015 the Union Pacific Railroad be required to provide a financial contribution to its improvement.

Sincerely,

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