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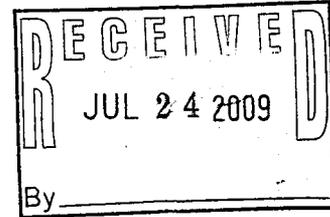


July 22, 2009

The Honorable Kris Mayes, Chair
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Dear Chairman Mayes and Commissioners:

RE: Docket # E-01345A-08-0172

On behalf of our over 43,000 statewide membership, I wanted to add our voices and communicate support for the rescission of the Arizona Public Service Schedule 3 Revision No. 10, disallowing the historical practice of courtesy electric service lines to new accounts up to 1,000 feet from existing transmission.

In better economic times, this would have been an issue that was important to REALTORS® and a number of their clients across many areas of our state.

In this current severe downturn, the ACC rule has had a severe effect on a number of property owners, recent transactions, (particularly residential), and anecdotally, has ended up positioning some parcel owners having to pay more to access electric service than what they originally paid for their property.

In a geographically large state like Arizona, with a wide variety of climate zones, elevation changes and remote smaller communities originally established in Territorial times, there is a large percentage of our population and smaller businesses not located within our two urban areas and within existing grid service. In 2009, Federal and Arizona government and the private sector still do not provided affordable or feasible household energy alternatives away from the nation's grid. The rancher's windmills have long ago been replaced by the utility pole and washboards and kerosene lamps have been replaced by modern appliances.

What may have been a benign policy proposal in 2007 to access additional infrastructure costs up front from new service customers has veered into part of the erosion away from the customer base for some of the state's electric utility providers, but even more materially, has been a manifest factor into rendering much of Arizona's 18 percent of private lands as valueless. Although the examples are vivid in the smaller rural communities, ironically even within Maricopa County, there are parcels within view of existing transmission lines which would have served as infill development were it not for the tens of thousands of dollars now being assessed for new service hookups.

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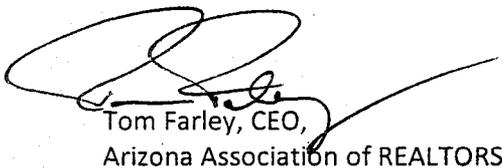
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We are grateful that the Commission and its utilities staff are reviewing the original rule approved by earlier Commission members and reviewing the analysis and current case studies being brought to your attention by a group of private parties from around the state who formed a grassroots effort requesting this policy review.

We would like to add our names and industry support to their efforts and request that a traditional practice and policy nearly five decades in duration, be re-established and permitted to once again work in the Arizona marketplace.

Sincerely,



Tom Farley, CEO,
Arizona Association of REALTORS

cc: ACC Utilities Division