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Gary Pierce, Commissioner
Arizona Corporation Commission
1200 West Washington
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Commissioner Pierce,

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the Commission's line extension policies and your offer to hold a Commission hearing in Navajo County. On behalf of the Board of Supervisors, I express our strong desire that the Commission hold such a hearing in the County so that our constituents may have an opportunity to express themselves on this subject.

As you know, the Commission's decision to reverse its longstanding policy of allowing no-cost electrical hook-ups has had a devastating impact on rural areas like Navajo County. The timing of this decision could not have been worse. As the state's housing market collapsed, many rural property owners found that their ability to sell and develop their land suddenly became extraordinarily expensive.

Because of this, the Navajo County Board of Supervisors has expressed its opposition to this policy to the Commission several times.

We hope that you will hold a hearing in Navajo County that will give our residents an opportunity to make their voices heard on this issue. I am confident that a suitable venue can be located and made available to you. Please feel free to contact Rod Ross, Navajo County Government Relations Administrator to work out the details of a location and time.

Thank you again for your communication on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Jerry Brownlow, Chairman

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