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BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

7 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
 8 OF AJO IMPROVEMENT COMPANY FOR
 9 APPROVAL OF AN EXTENSION OF ITS
 10 CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL
 11 COMPATIBILITY TO BUILD A
 12 TRANSMISSION LINE FROM GILA BEND
 13 TO AJO

DOCKET NO: L-00000G-97-0089

**NOTICE OF FILING REGARDING
AJO IMPROVEMENT COMPANY
SELF-CERTIFICATION LETTER**

12 Ajo Improvement Company ("AIC") hereby gives notice of filing of the attached
 13 correspondence (Attachment A) regarding the Self-Certification Letter identifying
 14 progress made with respect to the conditions set forth in Paragraph 22 of Decision
 15 No. 70957 issued by the Arizona Corporation Commission in connection with the above
 16 captioned matter.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 23rd day of December, 2009.

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ATTACHMENT A

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Re: Docket No L-00000G-97-0089
Ajo Improvement Company Self-Certification Letter

To Whom It May Concern:

In connection with the extension of the Certificate of Environmental Compatibility ("CEC") issued to the Ajo Improvement Company ("Ajo") in Decision No. 70957 on April 7, 2009 ("Decision"), Ajo is to submit a Self-Certification Letter annually identifying the progress made with respect to each condition contained in the CEC, including which conditions have been met.

At the outset, it should be stated that Ajo has not yet commenced construction of the transmission line ("Project") due to the continuation of the economic factors related to the electric load that would be served by the Project. Ajo continues to monitor market conditions and economic forecasts in order to determine when such conditions will warrant the construction of the Project.

Prior, or upon commencement of the construction of the Project, Ajo will have complied with the conditions set forth in Paragraph 22 that have not then been complied with and will submit a Self-Certification Letter annually, identifying progress made with respect to conditions yet to be met.

Identifying progress made with respect to the conditions set forth in paragraph 22. of the Decision, the following information is being provided:

- (1) As of this date, Ajo has complied with the conditions set forth in subparagraphs 22.l., and m. Information of such compliance was previously provided to the Arizona Corporation Commission on December 23, 2008.

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- (2) Prior to the commencement of construction of the Project, Ajo will comply with the provisions of subparagraphs a., b., f., g., h., i., j., k., n., o., p., q., r., s., and t.
- (3) With reference to subparagraphs 22. c. and d., Ajo will, if necessary, make timely application to the Arizona Corporation Commission to extend the time limitations set forth in the CEC to complete construction of the Project.

If you have any questions concerning the information set forth above, or need additional information, please let me know.

Respectfully,

for H. D. Garz
MDM

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