

OPEN MEETING ITEM



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AZ. CORP. COMMISSION

TO: THE COMMISSION
FROM: Utilities Division
DATE: March 11, 1993
RE: SCHEDULE FOR RESOURCE PLANNING AND PUBLIC INSPECTION OF HISTORICAL DATA (DOCKET NO. U-0000-93-052)

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CONTROL

Under A.A.C. R14-2-704 (A), within 120 days of the submission of utility resource plans, the Commission must schedule a hearing to review and evaluate those plans in light of Staff and other analyses. Resource plans and related data specified in A.A.C. R14-2-703 (C) through A.A.C. R14-2-703 (F) have been filed in Docket Control by the following parties:

- ◆ Arizona Public Service Company (APS), filed on December 31, 1992;
- ◆ Tucson Electric Power Company (TEP), filed on December 31, 1992;
- ◆ Arizona Electric Power Cooperative (AEPCO), filed on February 16, 1993;
- ◆ Citizens Utilities Company (Citizens), scheduled to file on March 31, 1993; and
- ◆ Salt River Project (SRP), voluntarily filed on January 29, 1993.

Proposed Hearing Date

Staff proposes that the hearing be set for December 6, 1993 or later. In proposing this date, Staff considered the time needed by intervenors to conduct their analyses, the time needed by Staff to complete its load forecasts and other analyses, the timing of utility filings, and the desirability of conducting workshops or informal meetings prior to the hearing.

Based upon experience gained in Docket No. U-0000-90-088, which includes the previous resource planning hearings, the proposed hearing date is likely to allow adequate time to carry out the analyses, prepare a Staff report, and conduct the workshops. However, Staff proposes that the Commission reserve the right to reschedule the hearing date if unforeseen circumstances arise.

Number and Format of Hearings

The experience in Docket No. U-0000-90-088 was, in Staff's opinion, constructive, and Staff proposes a similar approach in this docket. In particular, Staff proposes that one hearing be conducted involving all five utilities to enable the Commission to tie together various themes across utilities. Staff further proposes that SRP be invited to participate in the hearing process as an intervenor.

Staff recommends that a topical format be employed so that the hearing is organized by topic. A procedural conference should be held in late Summer 1993 to obtain the parties' proposals on topics. Topics reviewed in the prior resource planning hearing were: the purpose of resource planning and criteria used to make planning decisions; long term load forecasting; supply-side management; and demand-side management. At the procedural conference, the dates for filing testimony could also be set.

In addition, Staff recommends that any party be permitted to offer its expert witnesses on specific topics as a panel for cross examination. This format worked well previously and allowed the Commission to obtain the maximum amount of information on complex analyses conducted by teams.

Public Inspection of Historical Data

Resource planning is intended to be a public process to take advantage of a wide range of expertise on electricity supply and demand matters. Therefore, it is important that information pertaining to utility resource plans be available to the public. The utilities' resource plans have been filed in Docket Control and are therefore available for public inspection.

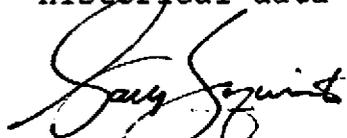
A.A.C. R14-2-703 (A) and (B) require utilities to file historical supply and demand side data each year by April 1. APS, TEP, Citizens, and AEPCO have made such filings in 1991 and 1992, and will make them in 1993. SRP has made voluntary filings in 1991 and 1992, and will make one in 1993. These data are generally filed in one copy and maintained in Staff's files.

In order to make these historical data available to the public, Staff recommends that the Commission order the utilities to place one copy of each of their filings under A.A.C. R14-2-703 (A) and (B) made since March 31, 1991 in Docket Control if they have

not already done so. SRP should be requested to make a similar filing in Docket Control. Staff further recommends that data marked confidential by the utilities, including SRP, (and which are subject to proprietary agreements with Staff) be excluded from the information to be filed in Docket Control.

Summary of Staff Recommendations

Staff recommends that the Commission set the date for a hearing on resource planning for December 6, 1993 or later. In addition, Staff recommends that SRP be invited to participate as an intervenor. Staff further recommends that there be one hearing, that the hearing take a topical approach, and that any party be permitted to offer its expert witnesses on specific topics as a panel for cross examination rather than as individual witnesses. Staff also proposes that a procedural conference be held in late Summer of 1993 for the purposes of issuing a procedural order setting the topics of the hearing and for setting dates for filing testimony. Finally, Staff recommends that the utilities be ordered to place one copy of each of their filings under A.A.C. R14-2-703 (A) and (B) made since March 31, 1991 in Docket Control if they have not already done so, excluding any data marked confidential by the utilities (and which are subject to proprietary agreements with Staff). In a similar manner, SRP should be requested to file its historical data in Docket Control.



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BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

MARCIA WEEKS
Chairman
RENZ D. JENNINGS
Commissioner
DALE H. MORGAN
Commissioner

IN THE MATTER OF THE SCHEDULE FOR)
RESOURCE PLANNING AND PUBLIC)
INSPECTION OF HISTORICAL DATA.)
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DOCKET NO. U-0000-93-052
DECISION NO. _____
ORDER

Open Meeting
March 24, 1993
Phoenix, Arizona

BY THE COMMISSION:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Arizona Public Service Company (APS), Citizens Utilities Company (Citizens), Tucson Electric Power Company (TEP), and Arizona Electric Power Cooperative (AEPCO) are certificated to provide electric service as public service corporations in the State of Arizona.

2. Under A.A.C. R14-2-704 (A), within 120 days of the submission of utility resource plans, the Commission must schedule a hearing to review and evaluate those plans in light of Staff and other analyses.

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1 3. Resource plans and related data specified in A.A.C.
2 R14-2-703 (C) through A.A.C. R14-2-703 (F) have been filed in
3 Docket Control by the following parties:

- 4 ♦ APS, filed on December 31, 1992;
- 5 ♦ TEP, filed on December 31, 1992;
- 6 ♦ AEPCO, filed on February 16, 1993;
- 7 ♦ Citizens, scheduled to file on March 31, 1993; and
- 8 ♦ Salt River Project (SRP), voluntarily filed on January 29,
9 1993.

10 4. Staff has proposed that the hearing be set for December 6,
11 1993 or later. In proposing this date, Staff considered the time
12 needed by intervenors to conduct their analyses, the time needed by
13 Staff to complete its load forecasts and other analyses, the timing
14 of utility filings, and the desirability of conducting workshops or
15 informal meetings prior to the hearing.

16 5. Based upon experience gained in Docket No. U-0000-90-088,
17 which includes the previous resource planning hearings, the
18 proposed hearing date is likely to allow adequate time to carry out
19 the analyses, prepare a Staff report, and conduct the workshops.
20 However, Staff has proposed that the Commission reserve the right
21 to reschedule the hearing date if unforeseen circumstances arise.

22 6. The experience in Docket No. U-0000-90-088 was, in Staff's
23 opinion, constructive, and Staff has proposed a similar approach in
24 this docket.

25 7. In particular, Staff has proposed that one hearing be
26 conducted involving all five utilities to enable the Commission to
27 tie together various themes across utilities.

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1 8. Staff has further proposed that SRP be invited to
2 participate in the hearing process as an intervenor.

3 9. Staff has recommended that a topical format be employed so
4 that the hearing is organized by topic. A procedural conference
5 should be held in late Summer 1993 to obtain the parties' proposals
6 on topics. Topics reviewed in the prior resource planning hearing
7 were: the purpose of resource planning and criteria used to make
8 planning decisions; long term load forecasting; supply-side
9 management; and demand-side management. At the procedural
10 conference, the dates for filing testimony could also be set.

11 10. In addition, Staff has recommended that any party be
12 permitted to offer its expert witnesses on specific topics as a
13 panel for cross examination. This format worked well previously
14 and allowed the Commission to obtain the maximum amount of
15 information on complex analyses conducted by teams.

16 11. Resource planning is intended to be a public process to
17 take advantage of a wide range of expertise on electricity supply
18 and demand matters. Therefore, it is important that information
19 pertaining to utility resource plans be available to the public.

20 12. The utilities' resource plans have been filed in Docket
21 Control and are therefore available for public inspection.

22 13. A.A.C. R14-2-703 (A) and (B) require utilities to file
23 historical supply and demand side data each year by April 1.

24 14. APS, TEP, Citizens, and AEPCO have made such filings in
25 1991 and 1992, and will make them in 1993. SRP has made voluntary
26 filings in 1991 and 1992, and will make one in 1993. These data
27 are generally filed in one copy and maintained in Staff's files.

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1 4. The Commission, having reviewed Staff's Memorandum dated
2 March 11, 1993 concludes that Staff's proposed schedule and format
3 is consistent with A.A.C. R14-2-704 (A).

4 ORDER

5 THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED that the Hearing Division schedule one
6 hearing on resource planning for December 6, 1993 or later.

7 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the hearing take a topical
8 approach.

9 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any party be permitted to offer its
10 expert witnesses on specific topics as a panel for cross
11 examination rather than as individual witnesses.

12 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a procedural conference be held in
13 late Summer 1993 for the purposes of issuing a procedural order
14 setting the topics of the hearing and the dates for filing
15 testimony.

16 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Commission reserves the right
17 to alter the date or format of the hearing.

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1 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that within 15 days of the effective
 2 date of this order APS, Citizens, TEP, and AEPCO place one copy of
 3 each of their filings under A.A.C. R14-2-703 (A) and (B) made since
 4 March 31, 1991 in Docket Control in Docket No. U-0000-93-052 if
 5 they have not already done so, excluding any data marked
 6 confidential by the utilities (and which are subject to proprietary
 7 agreements with Staff).

8 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Decision shall become
 9 effective immediately.

10 BY ORDER OF THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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 13 CHAIRMAN

COMMISSIONER

COMMISSIONER

14 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, JAMES MATTHEWS,
 15 Executive Secretary of the Arizona
 16 Corporation Commission, have hereunto,
 17 set my hand and caused the official
 18 seal of this Commission to be affixed
 19 at the Capitol, in the City of Phoenix,
 20 this _____ day of _____, 1993.

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 JAMES MATTHEWS
 Executive Secretary

22 DISSENT _____

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