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Cc: 'Thomas Thurman'; senator@mccain.senate.gov; akirkpatrick@azleg.gov
Subject: Reinstate the 1,000' "no cost" Utility Line Extension Policy

Dear Chairwoman Mayes and commissioners:

My name is Jerry Brunk and I moved to Arizona in 1986 at age 21. I have been in real estate since 1992. I have owned over 2500 acres in the state of Arizona and still own 2300 acres in rural Yavapai County. I have worked for real estate developers such as Lyle Anderson and Ben Brooks. I have seen the benefits of the 1,000' free extension policy that was in effect until 2007. I ask of you all to reconsider the policy and bring back the 1,000' no cost line policy. The cost of bringing in power now exceeds the cost of the land.

1. The "free line" policy has been in effect for 54 years, with about EVERY Arizonan alive benefiting from the utility provided line extensions, especially in rural Arizona.
2. APS is a monopoly in our electricity market, providing no means to obtain competitive bids.
3. The power lines are a cost of doing business which APS should bear, just like other companies.
4. This policy is dramatically reducing property values, as many without power, are no longer affordable for housing.
5. Rural and out-lying Counties are being hit very hard, as they are largely undeveloped, making the repeal of the free extension an enormous hardship for rural residents and developers.
6. Rural and outlying Arizona is a partner in the economy and quality of life that ALL Arizonans enjoy. We pay for our growth with impact fees, building permits, and taxes and provide a huge benefit to the state. The economic downturn and crash of the state's housing market has all but stopped new construction rural Arizona and placed an unprecedented hardship on county businesses, homeowners and the county governments. Reinstating the 1,000 foot "no cost" utility provided line extension would be a helpful and productive action.

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