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From: Pamela La Paglia [canyonviewrealty@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2009 7:21 PM
To: Pierce-Web
Subject: no cost electric service

Dear Commissioner Gary Pierce,

About 18 months ago the Commission repealed a policy of granting 1000 feet of "no cost" electric service lines to a residence or business to connection to the nearest main power source. Now costs to the owner for this line, which is owned by APS, are running in the thousands of dollars.

As a broker and owner of an outlying area real estate company we have seen the repealing of this policy cost not only sales but in the decision making process of potential buyers due to the added expense of bringing power to their new home.

We constantly hear that there is no affordable housing, yet nothing is done to assist us in providing affordable housing. This policy is dramatically reducing property values, as many without power, are no longer affordable for housing.

As APS is a monopoly in our electricity market, we have no where to turn for electricity expect alternative methods, i.e. solar, etc., and those costs are even higher.

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.

As realtors we have costs of doing business and the power lines are a cost of doing business which APS should bear, just like other companies.

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.

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.

Cordially and with appreciation for your consideration,

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