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7 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF  
8 ARIZONA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY  
9 FOR A HEARING TO DETERMINE THE  
10 FAIR VALUE OF THE UTILITY PROPERTY  
11 OF THE COMPANY FOR RULEMAKING  
12 PURPOSES, TO FIX A JUST AND  
REASONABLE RATE OF RETURN  
THEREON, TO APPROVE RATE  
SCHEDULES DESIGNED TO DEVELOP  
SUCH RETURN.

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**MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

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14 Utilities Division Staff ("Staff") hereby requests an extension of time in which to select the  
15 consultant who will perform the benchmarking study required by Decision No. 71448. That decision  
16 requires Staff to complete its selection by March 31, 2010; Staff requests an extension of time until  
17 May 19, 2010.

18 Decision No. 71448 approved a settlement agreement between multiple parties that disposed  
19 of the most recent rate case filed by Arizona Public Service Company ("APS"). Among the  
20 settlement's provisions is a requirement for a benchmarking study to compare APS to comparable  
21 electric utilities. Decision No. 71448 approved this provision, and the terms of that decision require  
22 Staff to select a consultant for the benchmarking study by March 31, 2010.

23 Staff has prepared a Request for Proposals ("RFP"), and that document has been released.  
24 However, due to the complexity of the requirements for the benchmarking study, it took longer to  
25 prepare the RFP than Staff had anticipated. Furthermore, Staff has allowed four weeks for response  
26 in order to maximize the quality and quantity of the potential responses. Finally, Staff will need  
27 adequate time to analyze the responses in order to select the most suitable consultant.

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1 For all of these reasons, Staff requests an extension of time (from March 31, 2010 until May  
2 19, 2010) to select the consultant for the benchmarking study required by Decision No. 71448. This  
3 extension is not likely to affect Staff's ability to file the final benchmarking report by December 31,  
4 2010, as required by Decision No. 71448.

5 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 1<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2010.

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