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**RE: ACC Docket No. E-1345A-08-0426 -- In the Matter of the Sale and Transition by Arizona Public Service to Electric District No. 3 of Certain Electric Facilities in Pinal County Pursuant to A.R.S. § 40-285 and for Deletion from Its Certificate of Convenience and Necessity Certain Areas of Pinal County**

Dear Docket Control:

We have been asked to submit a resolution of support by the Maricopa Chamber of Commerce as a public comment in favor of the granting of the above-referenced application.

We enclose an original and thirteen copies of the resolution, and request that it be included in the public comment section of this docket.

Please contact the undersigned if anything further is required at (520) 424-0420. Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

William H. Stacy, P.E.  
General Manager

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE MARICOPA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF MARICOPA, ARIZONA, SUPPORTING APPROVAL BY THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE APPLICATION OF ARIZONA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY TO SELL CERTAIN ELECTRICAL FACILITIES AND TO DELETE AREAS SERVED BY ELECTRICAL DISTRICT No. 3 OF PINAL COUNTY FROM ITS CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY (ACC DOCKET No. E-01345A-08-0426)**

**WHEREAS**, Electrical District No. 3 (“ED3”) was formed in 1926 to provide electrical power and energy in the area encompassing the City of Maricopa, acquired electric transmission and distribution facilities serving portions of the City of Maricopa in 1961, and terminated its grant of a lease of those facilities to another utility and recovered operational control of its electrical system effective October 9, 2001; and

**WHEREAS**, the Maricopa Chamber of Commerce recognizes ED3 as an important strategic partner in the area’s development and as a reliable provider of electrical service to the greater Maricopa area; and

**WHEREAS**, ED3 has made significant investments in electrical infrastructure and operations capability and has undertaken substantial efforts over the period since October 9, 2001, when it reacquired operational control of its electrical system, to ensure the availability of adequate, safe, reliable and economical retail electric service to the greater Maricopa area at a time critical to the growth of the City of Maricopa; and

**WHEREAS**, the interests of the citizens of the City of Maricopa in maintaining an adequate, safe, reliable and economical supply of retail electric service would best be served by consolidating electric utility operations in the greater Maricopa area in the hands of a single utility; and

**WHEREAS**, ED3 has demonstrated its commitment to the provision of adequate, safe, reliable and economical retail electric service to the City of Maricopa and surrounding areas, and ED3 has demonstrated its sensitivity to the input of the representatives in formulating its utility rates and policies in accordance with the requirements of the Arizona Electrical Districts Act (A.R.S. §§ 48-1701 through 48-1822, as amended); and

**WHEREAS**, the benefits to the citizens of the City of Maricopa and surrounding areas that would result from the approval of the application of the Arizona Public Service Company now pending before the Arizona Corporation Commission in Docket No. E-1345A-08-0426 for authorization to sell certain of its facilities to ED3 and to delete areas served by ED3 from Arizona Public Service Company’s certificate of convenience and necessity include, but are not limited to: (i) greater safety, efficiency, and reliability of retail electric service due to the elimination of overlapping responsibilities between two utilities for maintenance and emergency response; and (ii) lower capital costs for the remaining utility due to the elimination of the risk of migration of load, which tend to result in lower rates to consumers.



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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY** the Maricopa Chamber of Commerce of the City of Maricopa, Arizona that the Maricopa Chamber of Commerce supports the application of the Arizona Public Service Company now pending before the Arizona Corporation Commission in Docket No. E-1345A-08-0426 for authorization to sell certain of its facilities to ED3 and to delete areas served by ED3 from its certificate of convenience and necessity, and urges the Commission to grant that application in all respects.

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Rusty Akers, Chairman

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Date