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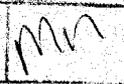
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Arizona Corporation Commission
The Honorable Kristin Mayes, Chairman
1200 W. Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007

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RE: UNS Decision 71285 – Revisions to Line Extension Tariff

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Dear Chairman Mayes and fellow Commissioners:

As a developer in Mohave County; I recently became aware (not through any communication with Unisource, but through a trade-group communication) of the Revisions to Line Extension Tariffs approved in October 2009.

I am unable to attend the field workshop scheduled for May 3 in Parker, but would like my comments presented.

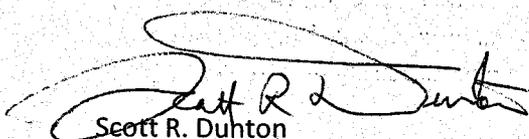
The State of Arizona is comprised of a large area of rural communities who are struggling with economy recovery in this difficult climate. The elimination of Unisource's free line extension of 400' for new service will negatively impact the development opportunities in rural areas; and in particular, our rural areas in Mohave County.

As a customary practice for many years, I believe the sharing of costs of new line extensions between the power provider and the new customer is a fair and equitable process and should not have been eliminated.

Additionally, I believe that the rules regarding the timing and methodology by which the utility will refund any advances in aid of construction (as additional customers are served) also needs to be revisited. In our experience, many utilities are reluctant to survey for additional customers and it is left up to the customer to "pester" the utility about the refund; often getting the run-around about the issue. We are essentially building and giving the delivery resources to the utility. The refund process needs to be better managed and timelier.

I would welcome the Commission's re-examination of the October decision and the refund issues. Your careful consideration of these issues will have an impact on our state's recovery and future development.

Respectfully Submitted,


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