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IN THE MATTER OF COMPETITION IN
THE PROVISION OF ELECTRIC SERVICES
THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF ARIZONA.

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**AECC'S JOINDER IN ATTORNEY
GENERAL'S MOTION FOR
CONTINUANCE AND FOR EXPEDITED
ORDER**

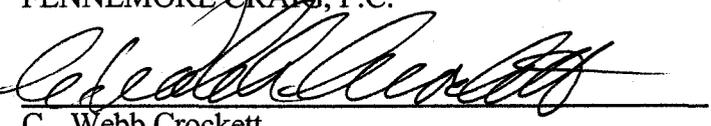
ASARCO Incorporated, Cyprus Climax Metals Company, Inc., Enron Corp. and Arizonans
for Electric Choice and Competition (collectively "AECC"), hereby join in the Attorney General's
Motion for a Continuance and for Expedited Order. AECC supports the Attorney General's request

1 because it is in the public interest. Currently, the intervenors in the above-referenced dockets are
2 caught up in a rush-to-judgment following the public release of the APS/Staff settlement and
3 TEP/Staff settlement less than three weeks ago. The public interest is not well-served by forcing
4 interested parties to a hearing on the complex and far-reaching matters the Staff and APS and TEP
5 seek to resolve through these settlement agreements barely a month after these settling parties
6 concluded four months of negotiations to resolve issues which have been on the table for some four
7 years. In sum, the interests of Staff, APS and TEP in an expedited adjudication of their closed-door
8 agreements must not override the public interest in having the Commission render an informed
9 decision on these important issues.

10 AECC is cognizant that delaying hearings on the APS/Staff and TEP/Staff settlements may
11 result in the introduction of competition being delayed. However, the introduction of meaningful
12 competition has already been delayed because prospective competitors and consumers lack the
13 information needed to evaluate the competitive marketplace despite the fact that competition is
14 scheduled to begin in less than six weeks. This is true, in no small part, because the Commission
15 has already allowed APS and TEP to hamper that introduction through the filing of unbundled
16 tariffs and stranded cost compliance plans which are inconsistent with the relevant rules and
17 decisions of the Commission. In any event, such errors should not be compounded by a rush-to-
18 judgment that grossly favors the incumbent utilities and may ultimately postpone meaningful
19 competition for electric power generation several years. A far better alternative is to temporarily
20 delay the introduction of competition for a short time until these complex issues can be properly
21 resolved by the Commission.

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