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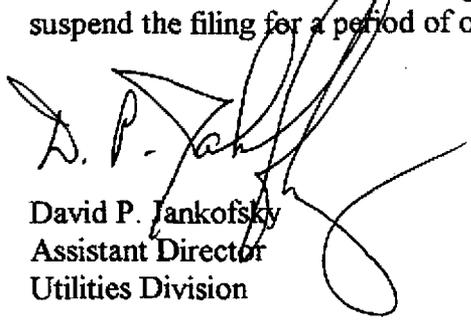
DATE: January 5, 1998

RE: ARIZONA ELECTRIC POWER COOPERATIVE, INC.- SYSTEMS BENEFITS
CHARGES AND UNBUNDLED SERVICE TARIFFS
(DOCKET NO. E-01773A-97-0742)

On December 22, 1997, Arizona Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. (Coop) filed its unbundled service tariffs pursuant R14-2-1606(C). In this filing, the Coop has priced electric service elements such as transmission and ancillary services separately. AEPCO also submitted information concerning systems benefits charges.

Effective December 26, 1996, the Commission adopted rules governing the parameters of retail electric competition. Pursuant to R14-2-1606(C), each incumbent utility must file Unbundled Service Tariffs to provide the following services to all eligible purchasers on a nondiscriminatory basis: Distribution service; Meter and meter reading service; Billing and collection service; Open access transmission service; Ancillary services; Information services; and Other ancillary services necessary for safe and reliable system operation. Pursuant to R14-2-1608, each incumbent utility must file non-bypassable rates or related mechanisms to recover the applicable pro-rata costs of system benefits from all consumers located in its service area who participate in the competitive market.

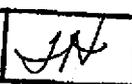
Due to the size and magnitude of the filing, Staff is recommending the Commission suspend the filing for a period of one hundred and twenty days.


David P. Jankofsky
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1 **BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION**

2 JIM IRVIN
Commissioner - Chairman
3 RENZ D. JENNINGS
Commissioner
4 CARL J. KUNASEK
Commissioner
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6 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY)
ARIZONA ELECTRIC POWER COOPERATIVE,)
7 INC. OF SYSTEM BENEFITS CHARGES AND)
UNBUNDLED SERVICE TARIFFS PURSUANT)
8 TO A.A.C. R14-2-1606)

DOCKET NO. E-01773A-97-0742

DECISION NO. _____

ORDER

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10 Open Meeting
January 13 and 14, 1998
11 Phoenix, Arizona

12 BY THE COMMISSION:

13 FINDINGS OF FACT

14 1. Arizona Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. (AEPCO or Coop) is certified to
15 provide electric service as a public service corporation in the State of Arizona.

16 2. On December 22, 1997, AEPCO filed its unbundled service tariffs pursuant R14-
17 2-1606(C). In this filing, the Coop has priced electric service elements such as transmission and
18 distribution separately. AEPCO also submitted information concerning systems benefits
19 charges.

20 3. Effective December 26, 1996, the Commission adopted rules governing the
21 parameters of retail electric competition. Pursuant to R14-2-1606(C), each incumbent utility
22 must file Unbundled Service Tariffs to provide the following services to all eligible purchasers
23 on a nondiscriminatory basis: Distribution service; Meter and meter reading service; Billing and
24 collection service; Open access transmission service; Ancillary services; Information services;
25 and Other ancillary services necessary for safe and reliable system operation.

26 4. Pursuant to R14-2-1608, each incumbent utility must file non-bypassable rates or
27 related mechanisms to recover the applicable pro-rata costs of system benefits from all
28 consumers located in its service area who participate in the competitive market.

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1 5. Due to the size and magnitude of the filing, Staff is recommending the
2 Commission suspend the filing for a period of one hundred and twenty days.

3 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

4 1. AEPCO is an Arizona public service corporation within the meaning of Article
5 XV, Section 2, of the Arizona Constitution.

6 2. The Commission has jurisdiction over AEPCO and over the subject matter of the
7 application.

8 3. The Commission, having reviewed the tariff pages (copies of which are contained
9 in the Commission tariff files) and Staff's Memorandum dated January 5, 1998, concludes that it
10 is in the public interest to suspend the filing for a period of one hundred twenty days.

11 ORDER

12 THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the filing be and hereby is suspended until and
13 including May 29, 1998.

14 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Decision shall become effective immediately.

15 **BY ORDER OF THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION**

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COMMISSIONER - CHAIRMAN

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20 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, JACK ROSE, Executive
21 Secretary of the Arizona Corporation Commission, have
22 hereunto, set my hand and caused the official seal of this
23 Commission to be affixed at the Capitol, in the City of
24 Phoenix, this _____ day of _____ 1998.

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25 JACK ROSE
26 Executive Secretary

27 DISSENT _____

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