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July 13, 2010

The Honorable Kristen K. Mayes, Chairman
Arizona Corporation Commission
1200 W. Washington
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Re: Drake Cement, LLC

Dear Commissioner Mayes:

Yavapai County has been working with Drake Cement, LLC since 2003 to construct a new cement plant in Drake, Arizona. Drake is located 110 miles north of Phoenix and 35 miles north of Prescott and is idyllic for cement production because of the limestone, the water supply, access to Interstate 40, high-voltage power lines and the rail access.

In today's economy Drake is a bright spot and has truly been a benefit to the economy in Yavapai County. From 2004 to 2008 Drake has contracted with local contractors and consultants. In May 2008, Drake started construction of their cement facility and employed over 600 people, achieving 70% local hire.

Drake has donated people and resources to assist many groups and organizations throughout Yavapai County. Drake has worked with the Prescott National Forest, Yavapai County Public Works Roads Department, BNSF, local schools and the Sierra Club. Led by Chief Operating Officer Cliff Ayres, long time resident of Northern Arizona, Drake is committed to people, values, technology and the environment.

The rail improvements provided Drake including the proposed crossing of County Road 71 will bring economic development to this part of the Yavapai County. Drake is in discussions today with other business interests due to the rail opportunities.

Yavapai County Board of Supervisors supports Drake Cement and all business in our county and thanks them for their values and contributions to our economy and citizens.

Sincerely,


Carol Springer

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