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TO: THE COMMISSION

FROM: Utilities Division

DATE: February 19, 1998

RE: IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY ARIZONA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF UNBUNDLED SERVICE TARIFFS PURSUANT TO A.A.C. R14-2-1606 (DOCKET NO. E-01345A-97-0773)

On February 13, 1998, Arizona Public Service Company (Company) filed its unbundled service tariffs pursuant R14-2-1606. In this filing, the Company has priced electric service elements such as access, metering and billing. The Company has also filed standard offer tariffs which increase and change rates for various customer classes (residential, small general, etc.).

Effective December 26, 1996, the Arizona Corporation Commission (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.

M.H. Wolff
for

Morris H. Wolff
Director
Utilities Division

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BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

JIM IRVIN
Commissioner - Chairman
RENZ D. JENNINGS
Commissioner
CARL J. KUNASEK
Commissioner

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY)
ARIZONA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY))
COOPERATIVE, INC. OF UNBUNDLED)
SERVICE TARIFFS PURSUANT TO)
A.A.C. R14-2-1606)
_____)

DOCKET NO. E-01345A-97-0773

DECISION NO. _____

ORDER

Open Meeting
February 24 and 25, 1998
Phoenix, Arizona

BY THE COMMISSION:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Arizona Public Service Company (APS or Company) is certified to provide electric service as a public service corporation in the State of Arizona.

2. On February 13, 1998, the Company filed its unbundled service tariffs pursuant R14-2-1606. In this filing, the Company has priced electric service elements such as access, metering and billing. The Company has also filed standard offer tariffs which increase decrease and change rates for various customer classes (residential, small general, etc.).

3. 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.

4. 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.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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

2. The Commission has jurisdiction over APS and over the subject matter of the application.

3. The Commission, having reviewed the tariff pages (copies of which are contained in the Commission tariff files) and Staff's Memorandum dated February 19, 1998, concludes that it is in the public interest to suspend the filing for a period of one hundred twenty days.

ORDER

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the tariff filing be and hereby suspended until and including June 12, 1998.

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

BY ORDER OF THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

COMMISSIONER - CHAIRMAN

COMMISSIONER

COMMISSIONER

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

JACK ROSE
Executive Secretary

DISSENT _____

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