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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
ARIZONA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY
FOR A HEARING TO DETERMINE THE
FAIR VALUE OF THE UTILITY PROPERTY
OF THE COMPANY FOR RULEMAKING
PURPOSES, TO FIX A JUST AND
REASONABLE RATE OF RETURN
THEREON, TO APPROVE RATE
SCHEDULES DESIGNED TO DEVELOP
SUCH RETURN.

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**STAFF'S REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION
OF TIME TO FILE BENCHMARKING
STUDY**

As part of the Settlement Agreement in this case, pursuant to Section XIII, Subpart C. (Sections 13.6 to 13.9), a Benchmark Study was to be performed of APS' operations and cost performance. Staff was responsible for selecting a benchmarking firm to conduct the study relative to a peer group of at least 30 other investor-owned electric-only utility operating companies. The Settlement Agreement identified minimum criteria that were to be analyzed in the areas of operational, cost and financial performance. The Benchmark Study Report was to be filed with the Commission by December 31, 2010.

While Staff selected a benchmarking firm to conduct the study; and the study has been for the most part completed; there remain certain issues that require further evaluation. The benchmarking firm hired by Staff is in the process of conducting further evaluation as needed but the firm needs more time in which to complete its final review and analysis. Staff, therefore, respectfully requests an extension of time until March 1, 2010 to file the Benchmark Study Report.

No party will be prejudiced by the additional time requested by Staff. With a March 1, 2010 filing date, the Benchmark Study Report will still be published well in advance of the Company's next anticipated rate case scheduled for June 1, 2011. See Section II A. Section 2.2 of the Settlement Agreement.

1 WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully requests an extension of time until March 1, 2010, in which
2 to file the Benchmark Study Report required by Section XIII C. of the Settlement Agreement adopted
3 by the Commission in this case.

4 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 22nd day of December, 2010.

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