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

DOCKET NO. RE-00000C-94-0165

PROCEDURAL ORDER

BY THE COMMISSION:

On May 6, 1998, a Recommended Opinion and Order ("Proposed Order") was issued on the above-entitled matter. Exceptions to the Proposed Order were to be filed by 4:00 p.m. on or before May 15, 1998.

On May 11, 1998, Tucson Electric Power Company ("TEP") filed a Motion for Extension of Time to File Exceptions ("Motion"). On May 12, 1998, the Utilities Division Staff ("Staff") of the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") filed a Joinder to TEP's Motion. On May 12, 1998, Arizona Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. ("AEP") filed a Joinder to TEP and Staff. On May 12, 1998, PG&E Energy Services Corporation ("PG&E") filed its Support of TEP's Motion.

In its Motion, TEP requested a two week extension for filing of exceptions in order to have additional time to thoroughly evaluate the Proposed Order. Staff requested the timeframe be extended indefinitely as the issues addressed in the Proposed Order are both significant and complex. In addition, Staff opined that "there is a possibility a substantial number of the issues presented may be resolved in ongoing discussions among the parties."

AEP concurred with Staff's request for an indefinite continuance with at least ten days notice prior to the matter being scheduled for Open Meeting. PG&E urged the Commission to move the electric utility industry restructuring process forward in an expeditious manner in order to meet the January 1, 1999 commencement date. However, PG&E does not believe that the requested extension of time for exceptions would be antithetical to an expeditious process. Because of the complexity of the issues set forth in the Proposed Order, PG&E proposed a Special Open Meeting be scheduled.

Based on the above, we will grant TEP's Motion. It is unclear at this time whether the proposed

1 settlement discussions referred to by Staff will result in resolution of the stranded cost issues. Because
2 the January 1, 1999 date is rapidly approaching, we believe a deadline for exceptions must remain in
3 place and will impose a new deadline of May 29, 1998.

4 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Tucson Electric Power Company's Motion for Extension
5 of Time to File Exceptions is hereby granted until 4:00 p.m. on May 29, 1998.

6 DATED this 13th day of May, 1998.

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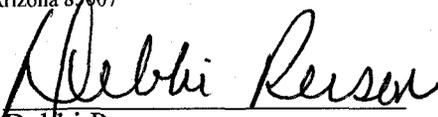
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