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IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPETITION)	DOCKET NO. RE-00000C-94-0165
IN THE PROVISION OF ELECTRIC)	
SERVICES THROUGHOUT THE STATE)	PG&E ENERGY SERVICES
OF ARIZONA)	CORPORATION'S SUPPORT OF
)	MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF
)	TIME TO FILE EXCEPTIONS

On May 11, 1998, Tucson Electric Power Company ("TEP") filed a Motion For Extension of Time to File Exceptions to the proposed Opinion and Order filed by the Chief Hearing Officer on May 6, 1998 in the instant proceeding. Therein TEP requested that (i) the time for filing Exceptions to the Chief Hearing Officer's recommendations on "stranded costs" be extended from May 15, 1998 to May 29, 1998, and (ii) the matter be set for consideration by the Commission as soon thereafter as practicable at a Special Open meeting scheduled for that specific purpose.

PG&E Energy Services Corporation ("Energy Services") has consistently urged the Commission to move the electric utility industry restructuring process forward in as expeditious a manner as possible, in order to meet the January 1, 1999 commencement date. In this instance, it does not believe that the requested extension of the time period allowed for filing Exceptions would be antithetical to the realization of that objective. The subject matter(s) addressed in the Chief Hearing Officer's recommendations are many and complex. They warrant careful analysis

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by the hearing participants incident to the preparation of such Exceptions as each may choose to file. Accordingly, Energy Services supports the proposed extension of the filing date to May 29, 1998.

Similarly, the complexity and breadth of the subject of "stranded costs" warrants the full attention of the Commission, which cannot be achieved in the context of a Regular Open Meeting. Thus, Energy Services also supports the request that a Special Open Meeting be scheduled exclusively for that purpose as soon as practicable after the May 29, 1998 filing deadline.

DATED: May 12, 1998.

Respectfully submitted,
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