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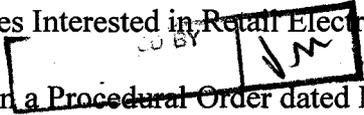
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To Parties Interested in Retail Electric Competition:



In a Procedural Order dated May 7, 1999, Chief Hearing Officer Jerry Rudibaugh ordered that parties to the Retail Electric Competition Rules docket submit "requests to schedule workshops in which the parties can meet and come to consensus on technical issues in need of resolution for the implementation of competition in the provision of retail electric services."

On May 13, 1999, a number of parties filed comments and suggestions in response to the Procedural Order. Staff has reviewed those responses and divided them into two categories. First, there were responses that mentioned "technical issues" as requested by the Chief Hearing Officer. Second, there were responses that mentioned certain "policy issues" in the rules. "Policy issues" will not be addressed in the workshops. Since "policy issues" are not what was contemplated by the Chief Hearing Officer as appropriate for a workshop format, they should be handled in the formal rule amendment process.

Staff believes that there are two sets of technical issues that need to be addressed prior to the start of retail electric competition: metering issues and load profiling issues. Metering and load profiling issues have been addressed, since 1997, by the Metering Committee of the Unbundled Services and Standard Offer Working Group. Staff believes this is the appropriate group to hold the workshops. Therefore, Staff has scheduled the following workshops.

**UNBUNDLED SERVICES AND STANDARD OFFER
WORKING GROUP
METERING COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Metering Issues Workshop
July 1, 1999
9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Hearing Room
Arizona Corporation Commission
1200 West Washington
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Load Profiling Workshop
July 12, 1999
9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Hearing Room
Arizona Corporation Commission
1200 West Washington
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

In addition to the two technical workshops listed above, Staff believes there is a need to commence a more long-term working group process to discuss technical issues that need to be addressed prior to full competition in 2001, but do not need to be resolved prior to the

commencement of competition in 1999. Staff has, therefore, scheduled an initial workshop to address "Interconnection and Distributed Generation Issues".

Interconnection/Distributed Generation Issues Workshop

June 28, 1999

9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Hearing Room

Arizona Corporation Commission

1200 West Washington

Phoenix, Arizona 85007

I am asking interested parties to submit a list of issues and recommended discussion topics for the Interconnection/Distributed Generation Issues Workshop. Please send the list of issues vial mail, e-mail or fax by June 10, 1999 to:

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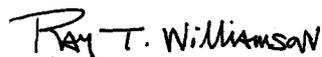
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We look forward to seeing you at the workshops.

Sincerely,



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