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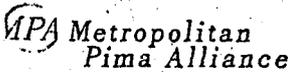
April 19, 2011

**TRADES**

The Honorable Gary Pierce  
Chairman, Arizona Corporation Commission  
1200 West Washington  
Phoenix, AZ 85007



RE: Reinstatement of TEP's Line Extension Policy



Dear Chairman Pierce:

On behalf of the approximately 2,000 businesses our organizations represent, and the more than 100,000 people they employ, we write asking for your assistance on a very important matter. Changes to the rules, regulations and line extension policies for electric utilities have had the unintended consequence of impeding new real estate and construction projects in Southern Arizona and around the state. This regulatory hurdle is adversely impacting Arizona businesses and stifling job creation.



We applaud the Commission for initiating workshops and for reinstating UNS Electric's line extension policy (Decision No. 72095). We request similar action to reinstate the line extension policy for Tucson Electric Power. We believe this can be done in a very narrow, specific and targeted way, similar to the approach adopted in the UNS Electric case mentioned above, that is satisfactory to all parties.



Given the importance of this issue for the economic prosperity of Southern Arizona, we are committed to working collaboratively with the Commission and TEP on a "win-win" solution. Our organizations look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

- Amber Smith, Executive Director, Metropolitan Pima Alliance
- David Godlewski, Interim-President, Southern Arizona Home Builders Association
- David Pittman, Director, Arizona Builders Alliance
- Jim Kuliesh, Executive Director, Alliance for Construction Trades
- Lea Marquez-Peterson, President, Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
- Michael McDonald, Executive Director, Habitat for Humanity
- Robert Medler, Government Affairs Director, Tucson Metro Chamber of Commerce
- Clarence Boykins, Tucson-Southern Arizona Black Chamber of Commerce



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