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RE: MOHAVE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. – APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF A WASTE-TO-ENERGY FACILITY AS A PILOT PROGRAM UNDER THE RENEWABLE ENERGY RULES OR, IN THE ALTERNATIVE, FOR A LIMITED WAIVER (DOCKET NO. E-01750A-10-0453)

Dear Mr. Schinzel and Ms. Lucinda Swann:

Approximately once per month the Arizona Corporation Commission (“Commission”) holds its Open Meeting at which the Commissioners discuss and vote on the various applications and issues before the Commission. On July 12 and 13, 2011, the Commission will be holding such an Open Meeting. One of the matters the Commission will be discussing and voting on is the application by Mohave Electric Cooperative, Inc. (“MEC”) to build an 11 megawatt (“MW”) Waste-To-Energy (“WTE”) facility somewhere in Maricopa County. It is my understanding that this facility will impact the air quality in Maricopa County and will need to obtain an air quality permit before it begins operation. For these reasons I am requesting that someone from your agency attend the Commission’s July 12, 13 Open Meeting and be available to assist the Commission in its review of this issue by answering questions related to Maricopa County’s air quality permit process and other air quality issues relating to this project.

The specific questions I will most likely want to discuss with a representative of your department at the Open Meeting are:

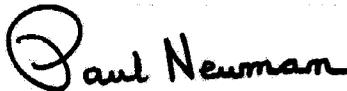
- 1) What are the possible or likely impacts of air quality here in the Phoenix Metro and Maricopa County area going to be from a project like this?
- 2) Would a WTE power plant located near established Maricopa County air monitoring stations endanger Arizona’s Federal air quality compliance status?
- 3) How far away from these established air monitoring stations would such a WTE facility need to be to not have a measureable effect?

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- 4) News reports recently have cited studies indicating that the Phoenix Metro area has one of the nation's worst air-quality for particulates. If those reports are indeed correct, what would be the health impacts of WTE facility such as this?
- 5) What kind of environmental/air quality controls could be installed on such a WTE facility to minimize the health risks, if any, to the citizens of the Phoenix Metro and Maricopa County area?

Thank you in advance for any assistance you can provide to aid me in my consideration of these matters. I look forward to speaking with you at the Commission's July 12, 13 Open Meeting.

Sincerely,



Paul Newman
Commissioner

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