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Re: In the Matter of the Competition In the Provision
of the Electric Services Throughout the State of
Arizona.

Docket No. ~~U-0000-94-165-~~
~~U-1575-~~

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4 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPETITION)
5 IN THE PROVISION OF THE ELECTRIC)
6 SERVICES THROUGHOUT THE STATE)
7 OF ARIZONA)

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APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION
OF TIME TO FILE UNBUNDLED
SERVICE TARIFFS

8 Pursuant to A.A.C. R14-2-1615.C, Sulphur Springs Valley
9 Electric Cooperative, Inc., ("SSVEC"), by and through its
10 attorneys undersigned, in support of its Application states as
11 follows:

12 1. SSVEC is a non-profit, member owned cooperative
13 supplying electric service to its members in the Cochise County
14 area. It is an "Affected Utility" as defined in A.A.C. R14-2-
15 1601.1.

16 2. Pursuant to R14-2-1606.C., SSVEC is required to file by
17 December 31, 1997, Unbundled Service tariffs on various services.
18 R14-2-1615.C. however, provides that Affected Utilities may seek
19 variances from the terms of the Rules.

20 3. For the reasons set forth below, SSVEC requests that it
21 be given until March 31, 1998 to submit this filing.

22 4. The reasons supporting this request are as follows:

23 A. Shortly after the Competiton rules were enacted,
24 Arizona's Cooperatives, including SSVEC, began
25 working in conjunction with the National Rural
26 Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation ("CFC")
to develop a standard cost model which would
allow the design or unbundled rates. Most of the

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basic work on this CFC model has been completed. However, additional refinements are required and the generic model must be adapted and applied specifically to SSVEC. The requested extension will allow this work to be completed so as to attempt to insure that distribution and other costs as well as TIER and DSC requirements are appropriately assigned and recovered through the unbundled rates.

B. In September, the Cooperatives and CFC met to discuss this unbundling model with the Utilities Division Staff. Based on that meeting, additional work on the model is being performed. The extension of time requested should facilitate Staff and Commission review of the Unbundled Service tariffs once filed.

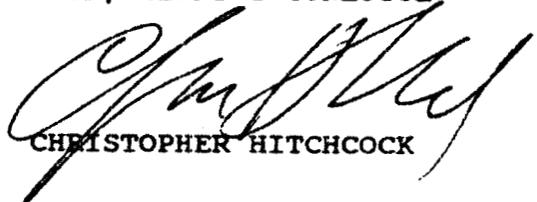
C. To this point, calendar year 1996 data has been used in the unbundled service tariffs project. Because the tariffs will not take effect until, at the earliest, January 1, 1999, this cost data would be very stale for purposes of cost recovery. By March 31, SSVEC will be able to use data possibly as recent as September 30, 1997 to support the costs underlying the tariffs.

WHEREFORE, having fully stated its Application, SSVEC respectfully requests the Commission enter its Order authorizing the filing of Unbundled Service tariffs on or before March 31, 1998.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 11th day of December, 1997.

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