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Utility Company: Arizona Public Service Company

Division: Electric

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Consumer Comment Re: New Mexico Department of Indian Affairs in support of Arizona Public Service Company's purchase of Southern California's Edison's partial interest...- Docket No. E-01345A-10-0474

Dear Chairman Pierce and Commissioners:

The Department of Indian Affairs Mission is to ensure New Mexico's Native American citizens will have the resources necessary to improve their quality of life and maintain their cultures and languages through collaborative, productive and lasting government-to-government relationships between the State of New Mexico and Indian tribes, nations and pueblos as well as through effective participation of Native Americans in all aspects of state government.

The IAD reinforces tribal governmental efforts to ensure that Native American concerns and needs are addressed and facilitates ways to increase and leverage, in state resources to benefit Native Americans; and successfully collaborates with national, tribal, state and local agencies.

As Cabinet Secretary for The Department of Indian Affairs I support the purchase of Southern California's Edison's partial interest on two of the five units now operating at the Four Corners Power Plant located on the Navajo Nation in Fruitland, New Mexico to Arizona Public Service. Units 1, 2 and 3 are wholly owned by APS 4 and 5 are newer units and are partially owned by Southern California Edison. The Company will close older units

1, 2, and 3 there will be no layoffs as a result of the sale.

Coal Mining is an important resource to the State of New Mexico Economic Development. In 1963 Navajo mine operations began. Navajo Nation mines supply 80 million tons of coal per year. The Four Corner plant employs 549 workers and 74% are Navajo. 20% of Navajo Nations General fund is derived from Coal mining. Coal Mining provides more jobs and contributes more revenue to New Mexico than any other mineral commodity. IAD focuses on areas such as Economic development in helping to promote a higher standard of living for our Native people. This industry has proven to do so for our people.

The Department of Indian Affairs realizes the benefits Four Corners Power Plant (FCPP) & BHP Navajo Coal Company (BNCC) provide to the state of New Mexico and for the surrounding communities in the Four Corners region and is pleased to support this largely appreciated endeavor. Congratulations and best of luck.

Respectfully,

Arthur P. Allison
Cabinet Secretary
New Mexico Indian Affairs Department
End of Complaint

Utilities' Response:

Investigator's Comments and Disposition:

Comments entered for the record and filed with Docket Control.
End of Comments

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