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July 23, 2013

Dear Honorable Commissioner,

As Mayor of the City of Bullhead City, my council colleagues and I have been following the Arizona Electric Power Cooperative's filing and rate announcements with great interest these past several months. As I'm sure you must know, the costs of power from cooperatives has a great impact on our local cooperative, namely Mohave Electric Cooperative (MEC). MEC serves over 39,000 meters in the greater Bullhead City area and as such their power cost and the cost to the members are of concern to me and the city council.

Now having stated that, I was taken aback that an outside consultant has been hired by ACC and is recommending that a rate decrease be disallowed because of uncertainties in the future, primarily EPA edicts and regulations. Taking into account uncertainties that in my opinion can't be defined in cost and timing seems to us to be, at the least, speculative when AEPCO's **demonstrated** rate case shows a need for a **decrease in the near term**.

Commissioner, we must point out to you a few things that make this decrease very important to the community we serve. Economic times are still tough, and Mohave County still has a disproportionately higher number of citizens that are at or under the **poverty** level, and they all could use a power cost relief, even if only for a few years. Bullhead City, as you may know is the states "hottest" destination with a large senior population on fixed income, and they also could use a decrease in their power bill, even temporary, is extremely important. Finally, our business community is predominantly small and commercial, and the power relief is paramount for their recovery during these tough economic times. Lower power costs, even temporary, is very important to their recovery.

Sincerely,

Jack Hakim, Mayor  
Bullhead City, AZ

Please include this letter a part of public comments.  
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July 26, 2013

The Honorable Jack Hakim  
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Sincerely,

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Susan Bitter Smith  
Commissioner

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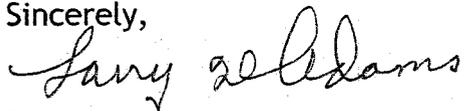
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Dear Chairman Bob Stump,

I am aware that our local Electric-Co Op Mohave Electric has benefited from a rate decrease from its wholesale provider. This cost savings rightfully belongs to the co-op members and should be returned to them. If costs rise in the future then that should be dealt with at that time, but current savings must be returned to the rate payers now.

The idea that ACC is speculating that cost will be higher in the future, there for you must over charge today. I guess if you follow that reasoning we should be paying \$10.00 per gallon for gasoline as undoubtedly we will be at some unforeseen time in the future. You cannot justify overcharging today based on what might occur tomorrow. I can not believe that ACC would even suggest retention rather than reimbursement.

Sincerely,



Larry D. Adams

Cc: Gary Pierce  
Benda Burns  
Susan Bitter-Smith  
Bob Burns

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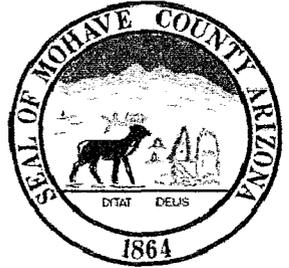
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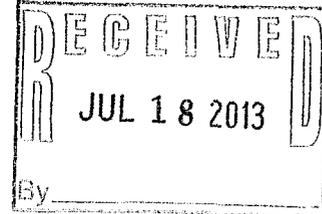
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July 12, 2013

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Re: Rate Decrease (MEC)

Dear Commissioners Pierce, Burns, Stump, Bitter-Smith and Burns:

It was with great interest that I read the mailings and bill inserts describing the filing for a rate decrease from the major wholesale provider of MEC. I'm extremely pleased, as it is rare for the ACC to be provided a chance to actually lower rates, and rare for the end users to see a favorable cost reduction that will affect their bills.

I'm also aware that the ACC has hired out-of-state consultants who are trying to block the rate decrease on speculative data and guesses of what may happen to costs in the future.

I represent a considerable portion of my constituents reside within MEC's service area. I ask that you approve MEC's rate decrease and that you do not let consultants prevail with their speculative hypotheticals of what future costs may (or may not) be.

If in the future the EPA enact regulations that force wholesale rates upwards, I believe it would be appropriate to request the wholesale providers to demonstrate the need, with certainty of numbers at that time, so you will have a chance to see that information and act with certainty, not based upon mere guesswork.

Very truly yours,

Steven C. Moss  
Mohave County Supervisor, District 5

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