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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

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