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The Honorable Bob Stump, Chairman
 Arizona Corporation Commission
 1200 West Washington Street
 Phoenix, Arizona 85007-2927

RE: Docket No. E-00000W-13-0135

Dear Chairman Stump:

As an Arizona energy user, I urge you to support consumer choice by acting in favor of electric competition in Arizona.

With electric competition, families, businesses and government entities in our state will benefit from the right to shop for their electricity. Just as Arizonans can compare offers for other everyday goods and services based on price, product features and contract flexibility, they should be able to choose the best option for their electricity. In addition, Arizona's economy and environment will benefit from greater investment and innovation spurred by competition.

As a Goldwater Institute report summarized: "Only by moving Arizona's electricity industry closer to the ideal of an open and competitive market can the ingenuity of entrepreneurs be engaged to meet the increasing demand for electricity—the lifeblood of Arizona's economy."

Electric competition is already delivering benefits to residents and businesses in many other states across the country. It's long overdue here. Please act to implement electric competition in Arizona.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Bahl
 Marriott International
 Vice President, Engineering & Facilities, Americas

cc:
 Commissioner Bob Burns
 Commissioner Brenda Burns
 Commissioner Susan Bitter-Smith

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