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Commissioner Bob Burns Arizona Corporation Commission 1200 W. Washington Phoenix, AZ 85007

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Re:

Commissioner Bob Burns' Letter to Docket Regarding Net Metering Dated October 30, 2013 Filed in Docket No. E-01345A-13-0248

Commissioner Burns:

Regarding your letter to this docket dated October 30, 2013, Navopache Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Navopache) responds as follows:

- 1. Navopache has not participated in any campaign related to the Commission's docket on net metering.
- 2. Navopache has not spent any money to support lobbying efforts of any kind having to do with net metering.
- 3. Likewise there was no participation by Navopache staff in any net metering campaign.
- 4. Since no time or money was spent, there is nothing for Navopache to recover through rates or otherwise.

Navopache supports the programs in our Renewable Energy Plan approved by the Commission and advocates member participation in the programs. The implementation of Navopache's renewable energy programs includes an approved budget for promotion of solar and renewable energy programs. The promotional message is intended to encourage members to take advantage of the programs, incentives, and benefits of renewable energy.

Navopache supports the Commissions willingness to investigate and ensure that its renewable, energy efficiency and net metering programs are cost effective and do not have unintended consequences like unintended shift in cost recovery responsibility among customers. However, Navopache cautions against using the limited data associated with a single electric utility (APS) to create a one-size fits all policy. The characteristics of an electric cooperative's organizational structure, system, loads and member consumer base

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are significantly different than those of an APS. Therefore, it is unlikely that a net metering program designed exclusively based upon APS data would also be appropriate for electric cooperatives generally and Navopache specifically.

Sincerely,

Charles R. Moore, P.E. Chief Executive Officer