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

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Re: Commission's Inquiry into Potential Impacts to the Current Utility Model Resulting from Innovative and Technological Developments in Generation and Delivery of Energy, Docket No. E-00000J-0375 (pertaining to closed Docket No. E-00000W-13-0135, Commission's Inquiry into Retail Electric Competition)

Dear Commissioner Burns:

I am writing on behalf of the Retail Energy Supply Association ("RESA") in response to your letter of December 6, 2013, asking stakeholders to disclose direct and indirect costs devoted to lobbying and public relations tasks regarding the closed retail competition docket.

RESA is a broad and diverse group of retail energy suppliers who share the common vision that competitive retail energy markets deliver a more efficient, customer-oriented outcome than a regulated utility structure. To that end, RESA participated in Docket No. E-00000W-13-1035 by filing opening and responsive briefs.

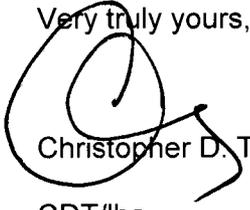
RESA did not engage, directly or indirectly, in any lobbying or public relations activities regarding the retail competition docket. Nor did RESA contribute funds to any organization that did.

RESA members did work on the submitted briefs, but did no lobbying or public relations work. RESA's only outside expenditure regarding the docket was a payment of \$4,800 to the law firm Squire Sanders (US) LLP, which assisted with the briefing and monitored developments in the docket. Squire Sanders likewise did no lobbying or public relations work.

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In addition to incurring no lobbying or public relations expenses, RESA is not a regulated Arizona utility and would not seek recovery of such expenses in a future rate case, had any relevant expenses been incurred.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Christopher D. Thomas", written over a circular scribble.

Christopher D. Thomas

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Original and 13 copies filed this 20th day of December, 2013