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BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
JOHNSON UTILITIES, LLC, DOING
BUSINESS AS JOHNSON UTILITIES
COMPANY, FOR APPROVAL OF SALE AND
TRANSFER OF ASSETS AND
CONDITIONAL CANCELLATION OF ITS
CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND
NECESSITY.

Docket No. WS-02987A-13-0477

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**RUCO'S RESPONSE TO SWING FIRST'S MOTION TO SUSPEND PROCEDURAL
SCHEDULE AND CONTINUE HEARING**

The Residential Utility Consumer Office ("RUCO") hereby responds to Swing First's Motion as follows. For the most part, RUCO agrees with Swing First's Motion. The Town is an integral part of this transaction and has filed for intervention. Its direct testimony filing will not be timely which works to the prejudice of all the other parties in this matter. Further, it is critical that this transaction be fully vetted before the Commission and the process should not be compromised by any parties desire to accelerate the timetable.

RUCO, however, does not agree that the Procedural Schedule necessarily needs to be suspended. Rather, RUCO would suggest that the Hearing Division schedule another procedural conference to allow the parties an opportunity to discuss the best way to proceed.

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