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RE: Integrated Resource Planning, Docket No. E-00000V-13-0070; Emerging Technologies,
Docket No. E-00000I-13-0375

Dear Commissioners, Interested Parties and Stakeholders:

At a previous Integrated Resource Planning (“IRP”) workshop, the Commission’s IRP consultant asked interested parties to file comments indicating their thoughts on how our current IRP process could be improved moving forward. I have previously expressed my opinion that there may be room for our improvement in our IRP process.

I believe a workshop would be an appropriate venue for discussing these suggestions. Additionally, I see this as an opportunity to discuss Arizona Public Service (“APS”) and the Residential Utility Consumer Office’s (“RUCO”) memorandum of understanding in the Ocotillo Modernization Project as well as items referenced in Commission Staff’s recently-filed staff report on emerging technologies. As you may recall, APS and RUCO sought to include various conditions on resource procurement in the Ocotillo Certificate of Environmental Compatibility but the Commission ultimately decided those conditions would be more appropriately discussed in the IRP docket. Also, in the emerging technology staff report, Staff recommended the Commission consider identifying a docket, such as the IRP, in which the utilities can report on any new technologies they are evaluating. Finally, I would appreciate input on consolidating our Biennial Transmission Assessment with our biennial IRP, *i.e.*, coordinating both planning processes into one.

I will be hosting a workshop to discuss the aforementioned topics on February 25, 2015 in Hearing Room #2 (Time: TBD). I will be asking the parties involved in these topics to present and also plan to invite individuals who have experience with IRP processes in other states. I welcome your input on potential speakers and topics for this workshop, and look forward to your suggestions in these dockets. It would be most helpful if your comments were docketed by February 6, 2015.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Burns
Commissioner

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