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BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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VACANT

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF )  
UNS ELECTRIC, INC. FOR THE )  
ESTABLISHMENT OF JUST AND )  
REASONABLE RATES AND CHARGES )  
DESIGNED TO REALIZE A REASONABLE )  
RATE OF RETURN ON THE FAIR VALUE OF )  
THE PROPERTIES OF UNS ELECTRIC, INC. )  
DEVOTED TO ITS OPERATIONS )  
THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF ARIZONA )  
AND FOR RELATED APPROVALS. )

DOCKET NO. E-04204A-15-0142

**MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY  
PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE**

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On June 22, 2015, a Rate Case Procedural Order (“Procedural Order”) was issued in the above-captioned docket. The Procedural Order provides for the evidentiary hearing to commence on March 1, 2016 and for a pre-hearing conference be held on February 26, 2016 (two business days prior to the start of the hearing.) Since the issuance of the Procedural Order, 18 parties have intervened. Between UNS Electric, Staff and the Intervenors, there are over 40 witnesses that have filed testimony (and it is anticipated that a few additional witnesses will file surrebuttal testimony on February 19.) Moreover, at the time of the Procedural Order, it was anticipated that the evidentiary hearing would be held during an approximately two week period of time.

Given the number of parties and witnesses in this matter, including out-of-state expert witnesses who will need to make travel arrangements to attend the hearing, UNS Electric respectfully suggests that a preliminary pre-hearing conference be held in order for the Administrative Law Judge and the parties to discuss the following:

- The anticipated number of days of hearing that will be necessary;
- Whether there are conflicts that would preclude hearing on successive days until concluded as a result of Open Meeting or hearing room availability;


- The availability of out-of-state witnesses to testify; and
- Whether certain witnesses may be permitted to testify telephonically.<sup>1</sup>

Based on the information provided at this preliminary pre-hearing conference, UNS Electric would commit to work with the parties to establish a proposed witness schedule that would be submitted on or before the pre-hearing conference on February 26, 2016. Additionally, if this Motion is granted, UNS Electric requests that the preliminary pre-hearing conference be held on or after February 5, 2016.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2016.

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<sup>1</sup> It should be noted that Staff and Intervenor surrebuttal testimony will not be filed until February 19, 2016. This could impact UNS Electric's final position on this issue.

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