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Company: Unisource \*\* Energy Services (UNS) Division: Electric

Nature Of Opinion

Docket Number: E-04204A-15-0142

Docket Position: Against

March 30, 2016

Arizona Corporation Commission
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Re: UNS Electric Rate Case Docket No. E-04204A-15-0142

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Dear Chairman Little,

DOCKETED BY [Signature]

JM Eagle is dedicated to the growth and prosperity of our region and our state, which is why we strongly support UniSource Energy Services' proposal for new rates. UniSource has requested approval of more equitable rates for all electric customers that will enhance the economic competitiveness of the Kingman and Lake Havasu area and Mohave County.

According to UniSource, current rates require large customers to pay more than the costs required to serve them, while other customer groups pay less. The changes, as originally proposed, will more closely match rates to actual costs. As a result, some commercial customers will see reduced energy costs if those rates are approved. Our businesses will have an opportunity to reduce operating costs, reinvest in operations and improve our bottom line.

The success of our region's economy depends on the safe and reliable electric service that UniSource provides. According to the company, it has invested more than \$100 million to upgrade its facilities and acquire a portion of a new power plant. Those investments will help support our local economy by ensuring reliable electric service for businesses large and small.

Of course, we fully support the proposal for a new economic development rate, which would offer discounts to commercial customers that meet certain qualifications. Economic growth in Mohave County has proceeded slowly over the last several years. This rate offers numerous benefits for our entire region by

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encourage business development and retention.

We support Unisource's proposed net metering revisions and new rates for solar distributed generation users. Because solar energy prices have fallen in recent years, it's only fair to ask those customers who use solar power to pay a more equitable share of the costs to serve them and reduce the subsidies paid by non-solar customers.

Lastly, UniSource is a valued member of our community. They are active in the community organizations and participate in community events through employee volunteerism, donations, and contributions of resources. Unisource actively tries to make a difference in the community they serve.

As a valuable member of our community, UniSource helps attract and retain Kingman and Lake Havasu-area businesses by providing good customer service and helping businesses to meet their energy needs. We believe the new rates UniSource has proposed would help improve the economic vitality of the Kingman and Lake Havasu area.

Sincerely,

Mike Kenny

Plant Manager, Kingman AZ

CC: Commissioner Forsee

Commissioner Stump

Commissioner Burns

Commissioner Tobin

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