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RE: IN THE MATTER OF RESOURCE PLANNING AND PROCUREMENT IN
2015 AND 2016 (DOCKET NO E-00000V-15-0094)

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR COMMENT REGARDING WORKSHOP

On July 18, 2016 the Arizona Corporation Commission will hold a workshop on the preliminary Integrated Resource Plan (“IRPs”) filed by Arizona Public Service (“APS”), Tucson Electric Power (“TEP”) and UNS Electric (“UNSE”). The details of the agenda will be provided before the meeting, after receipt of any comments and suggestions by stakeholders.

The Utilities will present an overview of their preliminary plans, and will address certain topics relating to the plans which have been identified by Staff. These topics include, but will not be limited to:

1. Discussion of the role of Energy Efficiency and Demand Response in IRP planning.
2. Discussion regarding the consideration of new technologies in IRP planning.
3. Discussion of methodologies used to consider Distributed Generation penetration as a component of IRP planning.
4. Discussion regarding Natural Gas forecasting methodologies.
5. Discussion regarding Forecasting techniques, Scenario and Sensitivity Analyses.
6. Discussion regarding three-year action plans and the importance of timely updates.
7. Whether the new process and timing of filing preliminary plans is useful, and whether a three-year IRP planning process should be considered for future filings.
8. Discussion regarding the format of the preliminary plans, and a discussion of the helpfulness of various means of presenting information.

During the workshop, Commissioners, Staff and Stakeholders will have the opportunity to ask questions of the utilities and make comments.

Staff encourages Stakeholders to identify additional topics of inquiry, as well as framing specific issues identified by Staff. Though Stakeholders may file comments anytime, please file comments regarding topics of inquiry and specific issues in Docket Control 1200 W. Washington, Phoenix, Arizona 85007 on or before June 25, 2016 to facilitate preparation for the Workshop. Reference Docket No. E-0000V-15-0094.

In Decision No.75068, (May 8, 2015), the Commission acknowledged the 2014 IRPs submitted by APS, TEP, and UNSE. The Commission also found that the 2014 IRP of Arizona Electric Power Cooperative satisfied the requirements established in Decision No. 73884.

Decision 75068 required APS and TEP to reexamine their load forecasting techniques prior to filing their 2016 IRPs to ensure that the resource plans would not forecast high load growth which would be unlikely to occur. The companies were required to file reports on the results of their reexamination by October 31, 2015.

Subsequently, in Decision No.75269, the Commission established a schedule of events to address filing of preliminary plans, Commission proceedings, and pre-filing workshops by the Utilities. The Decision extended various time frames under the IRP Rules. The Decision required the filing of Preliminary IRP plans, which were described in Attachment A to the Decision:

“Preliminary Resource Plans filed by APS, TEP & UNSE will include the following information: load forecast; sources of assumptions and technologies evaluated; load & resource table (including technology discussion); proposed sensitivities; scenarios requested in previous 2014 IRP decision,(discussion - full analysis will be in the final IRP); action plan, including RFPs and associated selection criteria.”

Attachment A to the Decision also established a revised schedule of events in a timeline. In that timeline, the Commission would hold a workshop on the preliminary IRP plans filed by APS, TEP and UNSE.

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