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RE: Docket No. ACC-00000B-17-0062

Dear Chairman Forese:

I read with interest your May 30, 2017 letter entitled “Indictment of Former Arizona Corporation Commissioner.” Specifically, you stated that “[T]he Commission will immediately begin conducting its own due diligence concerning the policies and decisions made with respect to the accusations in the indictment and any related areas. The Commission will correct any current policies determined not to be in the public interest and make any changes to help maintain the integrity of the Commission.” (Emphasis added). You also directed Commissioner Tobin to “begin an audit and review of the policies and decisions made by former Commissioners that are the subject of the current indictment.”

I wholeheartedly agree and support such a review. The integrity of this Commission and the public interest are two issues that are of the utmost importance to me and that have unfortunately, put me at odds with you and my fellow Commissioners.

I agree that we should look back on previous decisions made in previous years— including 2013 and 2014—and other dates related to the accusations in the indictment. In fact, I have been advocating for some time that we look back at issues related to the 2014 election and believe such a look would qualify as “a related area” discussed in your letter. I am sure you appreciate that the public crisis of confidence created by allegations of a sitting Commissioner allegedly accepting money from someone involved with a regulated utility is no different than the public’s grave concerns with how the “dark money” involvement with 2014 election campaigns was handled and what role any regulated utility may have had in that. If the number one goal is to “maintain the integrity of the Commission” as you stated, a comprehensive look at these and other matters is imperative.

I look forward to your including the aforementioned matters in your and Commissioner Tobin’s due diligence review of policies and decisions involving the indicted former commissioner.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Burns
Commissioner

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