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BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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Arizona Corporation Commission

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IN THE MATTER OF THE FORMAL
COMPLAINT AGAINST ARIZONA PUBLIC
SERVICE COMPANY FILED BY STACEY
CHAMPION AND OTHER ARIZONA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY
CUSTOMERS.

DOCKET # E-01345A-18-0002

**OBJECTION TO PARTICIPATION BY
STAFF IN THIS CASE**

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Warren Woodward, Intervenor in this proceeding, strongly objects to the suggestion put forth by Staff on June 29, 2018, that a procedural conference be scheduled in this case to discuss Staff's participation in this case.

1) This matter can be handled on paper. There is no need to waste the Parties' time at a conference.

2) The time to apply for intervention passed on May 11, 2018. Staff missed the boat.

3) By virtue of signing the APS rate case Settlement Agreement, Staff is biased in favor of the rate hike established in ACC Decision 76295, and Staff cannot be expected

to be impartial in this case. To wit, Section 40.6 of the Settlement Agreement:

The Signing Parties shall make reasonable and good faith efforts necessary to obtain a Commission order approving this Agreement. The Signing Parties shall support and defend this Agreement before the Commission. Subject to subsection 40.5, if the Commission adopts an order approving all material terms of the Agreement, the Signing Parties will support and defend the Commission's order before any court or regulatory agency in which it may be at issue.

4) If commissioner Forese, who suggested Staff's involvement in order to assist his decision making, wants to better understand the issues in this case, then he can read the docket, including all the APS customer complaints, both in this docket and in docket E-01345A-16-0036. There is also nothing stopping commissioner Forese from sitting in at the hearing and paying attention, something he neglected to do during the APS rate case in which these unjust and unreasonable rates (that are the subject of this proceeding and for which Forese voted) were spawn.

5) In light of all the foregoing, there is really nothing to discuss. Staff's request for a procedural conference, and Staff's intervention in this case, should be denied.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 2nd day of July, 2018.

By 

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