August 7, 2015

Chairman Susan Bitter Smith
Commissioner Bob Stump
Commissioner Bob Burns
Commissioner Doug Little
Commissioner Tom Forese

Arizona Corporation Commission
1200 W. Washington – 2nd Floor
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

RE: Arizona Public Service Company Motion to Reset – Docket No. E - 01345A-13-0248

Dear Commissioners:

Since 1945, the Greater Phoenix Urban League, a private, non-profit social service, civil rights organization has assisted individuals and families in achieving economic and social equality through programs in early childhood development, adult education, job readiness and placement and housing. Every year, we empower thousands of individuals and families in Arizona through our programs and services.

As a staunch advocate for underprivileged and low income customers, I am asking that you address the grid access charge now to protect Arizona ratepayers and maintain a long term, sustainable policy for roof top solar. As you are aware, all customers can not afford solar and this issue affects all customers with out solar, including lower income households. In my opinion, everyone that benefits from the grid should share equitably in paying for it.

I urge you to consider hearing Arizona Public Service’s proposed grid access charge now. The Commission established in its original decision that the grid access charge is an interim solution and created a framework for utilities to request an adjustment if the need arises. Acting now, gives the Commission the opportunity to make current rate structure fairer for all customers until a more permanent solution can be contemplated in a rate case.

All Arizonans deserve access to safe, reliable and affordable energy. Modernizing the grid and updating electric pricing so everyone shares fairly in keeping the grid up to date and reliable are critical to Arizona’s energy future.

Together We Make A Difference!

Sincerely,

George Dean, President & CEO
Greater Phoenix Urban League