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Arizona Corporation Commission
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RE: ELECTRIC RETAIL COMPETITION RULES
DOCKET NO. RE-00000A-18-0405

Commissioners and Interested Parties:

On December 19, 2018, Chairman Tom Forese wrote a letter requesting that the above referenced docket be opened in order to bifurcate the issue of electric retail competition from the general Energy Rules Revision docket (RU-00000A-18-0284). In his letter, Chairman Forese stated that he believed the Commission needed to proceed with caution and gather as much information as possible to avoid unintended consequences.

I agree that the issue of electric retail competition is extremely important to the state and citizens of Arizona, that if implemented, will affect all aspects of electric service in our state. This issue will require substantial information gathering and discussion. As with everything we do here at the Commission, we must have consumer protection at the forefront.

I am writing this letter to thank Chairman Forese for opening this separate docket. I look forward to what I am sure will be a spirited debate on this issue and hope that this time around the Commission will see this issue through to a final conclusion (whatever that conclusion may be) that benefits the ratepayers of Arizona, rather than stopping the process in mid-stream.

Sincerely,

Bob Burns
Commissioner
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