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Re: Renewable Energy Implementation Costs

APS Docket # E-01345A-08-0331
TEP Docket # E-01933A-07-0594
UNS Electric Docket # E-04204A-07-0593
Morenci Docket # E-01049A-08-0507
Navopache Docket # E-01787A-07-0576
SSVEC Docket # E-01575A-07-0310
Ajo Docket # E-01025A-08-0332
AEPCO Docket # E-01773A-08-0333

Dear Parties to the Docket:

Last year I reluctantly dissented from the Commission-approved renewable energy implementation plans for Arizona Public Service,¹ Tucson Electric Power,² and Unisource Electric.³ I did so not because I oppose renewable energy or the renewable energy standard and tariff rules, but because the Commission's refusal to relax the requirement in A.A.C. R14-2-1805(D) unjustifiably drove up the costs of renewable energy.

As the Commission prepares to consider renewable energy implementation plans for 2009, I would like all parties in this docket to be prepared to identify the portion of the total cost of the implementation plan that is attributable to: (1) the company's requirement to acquire renewable energy pursuant to A.A.C. R14-2-1804, (2) the company's requirement to obtain distributed energy pursuant to A.A.C. R14-2-1805(A) & (B) and (3) the company's requirement to ensure that 50% of its distributed energy come from residential applications and 50% come from non-residential applications pursuant to A.A.C. R14-2-1805(D).

In addition, I note that UNS Electric Company has indicated that its costs to satisfy its renewable energy requirements under A.A.C. R14-2-1804 will be approximately \$500,000 per year, whereas Morenci Water & Electric Company has indicated that its costs will be approximately \$1.3 million. UNS Electric and Morenci Water and Electric have similar annual kWhs. I am curious about what is causing this anomaly, and in order to identify any additional anomalies, I

¹ ACC Decision No. 70313, available at <http://images.edocket.azcc.gov/docketpdf/0000084405.pdf>.

² ACC Decision No. 70314, available at <http://images.edocket.azcc.gov/docketpdf/0000084406.pdf>.

³ ACC Decision No. 70315, available at <http://images.edocket.azcc.gov/docketpdf/0000084407.pdf>.

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would like Commission staff to file in each docket a table listing all of Arizona utilities' (1) yearly kWhs, (2) projected renewable energy costs and (3) projected renewable energy costs per kWh.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary A. Pierce". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Gary" being the most prominent.

Commissioner Gary Pierce

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