

Corporation Commission to Host Public Comment Meetings on Rate Increase Applications for APS and UNS Gas

The Arizona Corporation Commission will be travelling around the state to hear public comment on the rate increase applications for both Arizona Public Service (APS) and UNS Gas. These meetings will give customers of APS and UNS Gas the opportunity to alert the Commissioners to any concerns that they have regarding quality of service and the impact of the proposed rate increases, as well as any other issues surrounding the requests.

Members of the public and the press are invited to attend.

The locations of the meetings follow:

Flagstaff (APS & UNS Gas)

Monday, August 3, 2009 6:00 p.m.

Coconino County Board of Supervisors Conference Room
Administrative Center
219 E. Cherry
Flagstaff, AZ 86001

Prescott (APS & UNS Gas)

Thursday, August 6, 2009 6:00 p.m.

Prescott City Hall Council Chambers
201 S. Cortez
Prescott, AZ 86301

Phoenix (APS only)

Wednesday, August 12, 2009 5:30 p.m.

Arizona Corporation Commission
Hearing Room #1
1200 W. Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Nogales (UNS Gas only)

Monday, August 17, 2009 6:00 p.m.

Nogales City Hall Council Chambers
777 N. Grand Ave.
Nogales, AZ 85261

Background:

APS and other involved parties reached a settlement agreement recommending a \$193.6 million increase to its base rate. This amount would translate into a \$6.24 increase for the typical residential customer who uses 1,177 kWh per month.

Last December, interim rate relief was granted APS in the amount of \$65.2 million or a \$1.46 increase per month for the average residential customer. The settlement agreement includes this amount as part of the overall rate increase.

UNS Gas has requested a revenue increase of \$9.5 million, and residential customer charges would increase from the current \$8.50 per month to \$10.00, when new rates become effective.

Hearings for these rate cases begin August 10 for UNS Gas and August 19 for APS. An Administrative Law Judge will preside over the hearings and will issue a Recommended Order that will come before the Commissioners at a later date for discussion and vote.

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