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## ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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### **Utilities to Present Winter Preparedness Plans before Arizona Corporation Commission**

The Arizona Corporation Commission will hear from gas utilities and pipeline companies as to how they will ensure reliable services to customers during the winter months. On October 29<sup>th</sup> the companies will present their service and safety plans to the Commission.

Southwest Gas, UNS Gas, Alliant Gas, Questar, Transwestern Pipeline, and Kinder Morgan will participate.

“It is important for these companies to put the health and safety of their customers first,” said Arizona Corporation Commission Chairman Susan Bitter Smith. “The yearly presentations are a great opportunity to assure that we know what to expect, and what contingencies are in place for the unexpected.”

Southwest Gas spokesperson Amy Washburn said that their plan includes information on system reinforcement work, communication tools, gas supply, and pricing information.

All the companies must show the Commission their ability to handle their customers’ needs for the season and outline emergency outage plans.

Gas prices across the country have been low and stable over the past several years. Some are predicting a warmer than usual winter because of the El Nino weather pattern.

The workshop is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. at the Arizona Corporation Commission, at 1200 W. Washington, Phoenix, AZ. This will directly follow a 9:00 a.m. presentation by the Idaho National Laboratory which is part of a two-day technology workshop.

The plans will be posted on the Corporation Commission’s website at [azcc.gov](http://azcc.gov)