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Utilities Present Summer Preparedness Plans to Arizona Corporation Commission Utilities Report they are Prepared for Peak Demands

(Phoenix) Arizona Corporation Commissioners heard from electric and gas companies at a Special Open Meeting today to ensure customers statewide will have reliable service during the hot summer months.

Arizona Public Service Electric Company (APS), Salt River Project (SRP), Tucson Electric Power (TEP), UniSource Energy Services (UNS), Arizona G & T Cooperatives, Transwestern Pipeline Company, and El Paso Natural Gas, all presented their "Summer Preparedness Plan" before the Commission. Those plans include the companies' estimated peak demands, a summary of their resources available to meet that demand, along with emergency, and communications plans in the event case of an outage.

"As we move towards summer, Arizonans will start cranking down the thermostats on their air conditioners," said Chairman Doug Little. "This dramatically increases the amount of electricity our utilities must produce. One of the jobs of the Corporation Commission is to ensure that our utilities are prepared to supply the energy needs of the ratepayers, no matter how hot it gets or how much demand there is on the system. We want to make sure that contingency plans are in place to protect reliability in times of peak demand and minimize outages during the summer monsoons. Overall, our electric utilities do a fantastic job of providing affordable, reliable electricity to Arizonans."

APS is projecting a peak demand of 6,986 MW with nearly 8,500 MW available resources to meet that demand. TEP is forecasting a 2,091 MW peak demand with over 2,800 MW available, and SRP estimates their peak demand at just over 6,700 with more than 8,000 MW available.

The presentations will be posted on the Corporation Commission's website at <http://www.azcc.gov/Divisions/Utilities/Electric/SummerPreparedness.asp>