

MEMORANDUM

TO: Electric Competition Advisory Group

FROM: Ernest G. Johnson
Director
Utilities Division

DATE: March 19, 2003

RE: ISSUES LIST FOR THE ELECTRIC COMPETITION ADVISORY GROUP

In Decision No. 65154 (Track A Decision), the Commission ordered that an Electric Competition Advisory Group be formed. The Track A Decision also ordered that Staff open a rulemaking to review and amend the Retail Electric Competition Rules and to address issues resolved in the Track B proceeding. The first meeting of the ECAG is tentatively expected to take place within the March/April 2003 timeframe.

Although a rulemaking has not yet been opened, Staff would like the group to provide preliminary feedback on issues associated with the review of the Retail Electric Competition Rules. The purpose of this request is to identify some of the key issues impeding competition and areas of the Retail Electric Competition Rules that could be improved. The goal of the first meeting of the ECAG will be to engage in dialogue among Staff and market participants regarding these issues.

Please provide the following information that relates to the Retail Electric Competition Rules and impediments to the facilitation of electric competition.

- a. Please indicate what sections of the Retail Electric Competition Rules should be revised.
- b. Please briefly summarize why the sections listed in part (a) above, require revisions.
- c. Please identify market issues related to the provisions in the Retail Electric Competition Rules that generally impede or discourage competition.
- d. Please provide information on issues that the Retail Electric Competition Rules do not currently address but should.

Please forward this issues list to rpasula@cc.state.az.us. If you have any questions, you can contact Erinn Andreasen of Staff at (602) 542-0748.