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### **Arizona's Electric Utilities Present Summer Energy Preparedness Plans to the Commission**

PHOENIX – Arizona's electric utilities presented to the Corporation Commission today plans to ensure customers will continue receiving reliable service as we enter into the peak demands of a hot Arizona summer.

Presentations were made to the Commission by Arizona Public Service Company (APS), Tucson Electric Power Company (TEP), UNS Electric, Inc., Salt River Project (SRP), and from Arizona's electric cooperatives. While the companies said that they expect high demand this year, representatives explained that they have energy reserves to exceed the peak demand expected on the hottest of summer days. For example, APS forecasts a peak of 6,992 megawatts (MW), and has 8,536 MW of resources available to help meet that demand. TEP forecasts a peak of 2,270 MW, and has 2,716 MW of resources available to help meet that demand.

"These presentations are vitally important for us to hear so that we can ensure that our citizens will be well served during the coming summer months," said Commissioner Susan Bitter Smith.

In addition to demonstrating their ability to handle the electricity needs of their customers for the coming season, the companies also described their plans to deal with any potential service outages. Commissioners questioned the systems in place to notify customers and field inquiries, especially those customers with health or safety needs. Information about service disruptions can be obtained through each utilities' 24/7 call centers, automated phone messages, news media and social media.

The Commission is committed to ensuring utilities are prepared to provide Arizonans' with reliable power throughout the hot summer months.

Copies of each utility company's presentation can be found on the Commission's website at: <http://www.azcc.gov/Divisions/Utilities/Electric/SummerPreparedness.asp>

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