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## ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

June 20, 2016

Re: Inquiry Into Commission Policies Docket No. AU-00000A-16-0141

Dear Colleagues and other Interested Parties:

In April 2016, Commissioner Forese prudently opened a generic docket to perform an “Inquiry Into Commission Policies.” I interpreted this docket as a great way to memorialize policy statements that the Commission adopts on various matters.

To that end, I would like to submit to this docket a policy statement that the Commission developed at its June 14, 2016 Staff Meeting. Chairman Little summarized the Commissioners’ guidance succinctly:

“If there’s a consensus from all of the Commissioners that this is what we would like to see, we can simply make this request to Staff, and Staff would simply notify us without having to go through any official process. We are basically just asking them to provide us with notification should they decline to accept a rate case filing under the abbreviated filing mechanism [AAC R14-2-107].” (At 10:39 of the Staff Meeting audio recording.)

Ms. Janice Alward concurred with Chairman Little’s observation and suggested that Staff could make a filing to the appropriate docket once Staff makes its Rule 107 eligibility determination.

After noting that at least four out of the five Commissioners were in agreement with this policy, Chairman Little affirmed the new policy. I’ve taken the effort to memorialize it below.

### ***Policy Statement of the Commission***

“If an electric or natural gas cooperative files or pursues a rate application pursuant to R14-2-107 (Rule 107) instead of R14-2-103 (Rule 103), and Staff determines that the cooperative is ineligible to proceed under Rule 107, then Staff must notify the Commissioners through an appropriate docket.”

Sincerely,

Andy Tobin  
Commissioner