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Mr. Gray:

Members of the Arizona Competitive Power Alliance agree that natural gas infrastructure issues in the Southwest must be addressed if the region is to have a reliable supply of natural gas, and we appreciate the steps that the Commissioners and Staff are taking to ensure that Arizona's energy infrastructure needs are met.

The Alliance supports the staff's goals of diversity in Arizona's natural gas infrastructure, long-term planning for gas infrastructure needs, and open, on-going and substantive communication between Arizona utilities and the Commission.

Additionally, we agree that cost recovery issues will need to be considered in greater detail and the potential problems and benefits of different cost recovery methods will need to be identified.

We encourage the Commissioners and Staff to continue in your efforts to address these issues and look forward to working with you to develop policy options regarding natural gas infrastructure in Arizona.

Sincerely,

Greg Patterson
AzCPA Director