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Chairman Brian T. Stewart Commissioner James M. Byrne Commissioner Stephen L. Mecham Public Service Commission of Utah Heber M. Wells Building 160 East 300 South Salt Lake City, Utah 84145

Re: PacifiCorp/Pinnacle West Action

Dear Commissioners:

After Mr. Keith Turley, Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer of Pinnacle West transmitted his rejection of PacifiCorp's offer to Mr. Gleason, President and Chief Executive Officer of PacifiCorp, Mr. Gleason issued the following statement:

In light of the public information on the continuing financial difficulties of Pinnacle West and the large rate increases facing Arizona Public Service customers, the offer PacifiCorp has made deserves, at a minimum, a discussion between the managements of Pinnacle West and PacifiCorp.

We are disappointed that Pinnacle West has rejected - without any discussions - a PacifiCorp offer that would significantly reduce the rate increases the APS customers otherwise face in the year ahead. The announcement today does not affect PacifiCorp's interest in pursuing the transaction.

Combining the APS and PacifiCorp electric operations would produce a much more efficient utility, making possible our commitment to limiting price increases to 2 percent per year.



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We will continue to keep you informed as this matter unfolds. If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact me at your convenience.

Very truly yours,

THOMAS W. FORSGREN

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