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SUBJECT: Forwards FERC initial decision re proposed acquisition of EPEC by Central & Southwest Corp, on behalf of Central & Southwest Svcs, Inc. FERC decided that proposed merger consistent w/public interest subj to conditions. W/o encl.

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Re: Arizona Public Service Company; El Paso Electric
Company; Consideration of Indirect Transfer of Control
of Ownership of License and Opportunity for Public
Comment on Antitrust Issues
Docket Nos. STN 50-528, 50-529, 50-530

Dear Mr. Borchardt:

I am writing on behalf of Central and South West
Services, Inc. acting on behalf of Central and South West
Corporation ("CSW") and its electric utility operating
subsidiaries.

On April 11, 1995 the Federal Energy Regulatory
Commission administrative law judge who presided over the FERC's
hearings regarding the proposed acquisition of El Paso Electric
Company by CSW issued his Initial Decision, concluding that "the
proposed merger is consistent with the public interest, subject
to the conditions prescribed in this Initial Decision." Initial
Decision at 62. The Administrative Law Judge also reserved
certain legal and policy issues for review by the FERC. Initial
Decision at Appendix A. A copy of the Initial Decision is
enclosed.

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The FERC's March 29, 1995 NOPR discussed in the Initial Decision at pp. 35-38 may be found at 60 Fed. Reg. 17662 (April 7, 1995). A copy of a fact sheet issued by the FERC discussing the NOPR is enclosed.

Briefs on exceptions to the administrative law judge's decision are due May 1, 1995. Briefs opposing the exceptions are due May 16, 1995. The merger remains subject to other conditions and regulatory reviews and approvals, including that of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission in the above-referenced matter.

Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions regarding this letter or the enclosure.

Respectfully submitted,

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