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Vice Chairman Walden "This is, for me, very proactive, and I think could be used as a template for some of the other companies out there that are looking to handle these requests and trying to determine what kind of contracts should come before the Commission. So there are lots, and lots, of good things here. And I'm happy with this agreement."



"This new large load process gives Arizona cooperative utilities, a clear standardized framework for bringing data centers and large load users online while protecting existing ratepayers from bearing the costs," said **Chairman Nick Myers.** "Large load customers are becoming increasingly interested in rural areas of Arizona. This new process allows rural Arizona to capture the economic growth responsibly without being subsidized by other customers of the utilities."

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"I applaud our electric retail cooperatives for addressing the challenge of large load customers interested in rural Arizona," said **Commissioner Lea Márquez Peterson.** "As we know, every cooperative is structured a little differently and represent diverse communities across the state. It's important that the process for onboarding large loads reflects this difference. I was proud to support their effort to streamline their processes and to protect their members and ratepayers."



"As we confirmed in our meeting, large load customers will be required continue to cover all costs associated with commercial services under this framework, including new infrastructure and transmission construction," said **Commissioner Kevin Thompson**. "This further protects ratepayers from potentially subsidizing costs attributed to serving "cost causers" such as manufacturing facilities and data centers."