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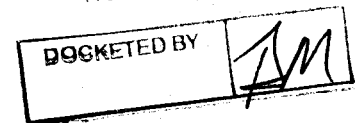
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**RE: Application for Certificate of Convenience and Necessity, Docket Number W-20828A-11-0475, Tusayan Ventures, L.L.C., filed December 28, 2011**

Dear Chairman Pierce and Commissioners:

I am submitting written public comments on the Application for Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CC&N) for Tusayan Ventures, L.L.C. on behalf of the Sierra Club's Grand Canyon (Arizona) Chapter and our 12,000 members.

The Sierra Club's mission is "to explore, enjoy, and protect the wild places of the earth; to practice and promote the responsible use of the earth's ecosystems and resources; and to educate and enlist humanity to protect and restore the quality of the natural and human environments." The Sierra Club and our members have a significant interest in this CC&N for Tusayan Ventures as it has the potentially to harm Grand Canyon and its resources, especially its seeps and springs and the plants and animals that depend on them.

We ask that you deny this CC&N for Tusayan Ventures, L.L.C. due to the negative impacts this proposed new water use will have on seeps and springs in Grand Canyon National Park.

Ten months have passed since the initial application for this CC&N was filed, and Tusayan Ventures has not yet revealed how it will supply water to new residents and visitors, nor has it demonstrated a reliable emergency water supply or adequate wastewater facilities. In its most recent application for an extension of time, responding to the January 26, 2012 Insufficiency Letter, Tusayan Ventures indicated that it would be better able to supply required information to the Arizona Corporation Commission once it begins the Environmental Assessment process with the United States Forest Service (USFS). Under the National Environmental Policy Act, the USFS will be required to examine the cumulative impacts of the proposed new infrastructure on the Kaibab National Forest. It cannot do that without knowing where Tusayan Ventures will derive its water, how much it plans to use, the amount of wastewater it will produce, and how it plans to handle wastewater.



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