



UniSource Energy Board of Directors Names Robert A. Elliott as Lead Director

TUCSON, Ariz., Jun 11, 2010 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- The Board of Directors of UniSource Energy Corporation (NYSE: UNS) has named longtime Tucson business leader Robert A. Elliott as its lead director.

Elliott, 54, has served on UniSource Energy's Board of Directors since 2003. He also has served on numerous community boards and is founder and president of The Elliott Accounting Group, which has provided accounting, tax, management and investment advisory services since 1983.

"UniSource Energy has a strong history of service to shareholders, customers and the community," Elliott said. "I'll be working closely with the rest of our board to continue that tradition."

"Bob has always brought business expertise, management experience and thoughtful leadership to our board room," said Paul Bonavia, UniSource Energy's Chairman, President and CEO. "He's a strong voice on behalf of both shareholders and customers, and he's earned great respect for the service he has provided to this company and our community."

Elliott serves on the boards of the Southern Arizona Community Bank, AAA of Arizona and the NBA Retired Players Association. He is a member of the National Advisory Board of the University of Arizona (UA) College of Business and Public Administration and the UA Foundation's National Leadership Council. He is a member and past chairman of the Tucson Airport Authority, a member of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity and a lifetime member of the NAACP. He previously served as chairman of the Tucson Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, the UA Alumni Association and the Tucson Urban League.

Elliott also was a three-time athletic and academic All-American basketball player at the UA from 1975-1977. He remains the only UA athlete enshrined in the Verizon/GTE College Academic All America Hall of Fame. Elliott went on to play three seasons for the NBA's New Jersey Nets before launching a 27-year career as a television analyst for regional broadcasts of the Phoenix Suns, UA and other Pac-10 conference basketball games.

Since joining UniSource Energy's Board of Directors, Elliott has chaired the board's Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee and has served on each of its other standing committees: Audit; Compensation; Environmental, Safety and Security; and Finance. He was elected last month to succeed former Lead Director John Carter, who retired from UniSource Energy's board.

UniSource Energy is a Tucson, Arizona-based company with consolidated assets of nearly \$3.6 billion. Its primary subsidiaries include Tucson Electric Power, which serves more than 400,000 customers in southern Arizona, and UniSource Energy Services, provider of natural gas and electric service for about 236,000 customers in northern and southern Arizona. For more information, visit uns.com.

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