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Marc Spitzer, Chairman
Arizona Corporation Commission
1200 West Washington
Phoenix, Az 85007

Environmental Portfolio Standard
Docket No. RE-00000C-00-0377

Dear Marc:

Enclosed is Resolution No. 04-442, which the Snowflake Town Council passed last night at council meeting in support of extending the current sunset date of 2012.

Sincerely,

Barbara Bigler
Town Clerk

Arizona Corporation Commission
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RESOLUTION NO. 04-442

**A RESOLUTION FOR THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION
IN SUPPORT FOR BIOMASS ENERGY**

WHEREAS, the Arizona Corporation Commission has requested that interested entities show support for biomass energy plants, the adoption of an indefinite extension of the Arizona Environmental Portfolio Standards (EPS) beyond the current sunset date of 2012, and the development of rules and regulations necessary to advance the framework for a biomass energy industry in the State of Arizona; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Snowflake, hereinafter referred to as "Town" recognizes the poor health of area forests, as evidenced by the probability of catastrophic wildfire; and

WHEREAS, the Town and our forests are in the midst of a continuing drought and on-going insect epidemic; and

WHEREAS, the Town understands community values-at-risk include homes and infrastructure, public health and peace-of-mind, safety of citizens, residents, and firefighters, business and financial interests, recreational opportunities, watershed values, scenic quality, emotional/spiritual attachments, and wildlife habitat; and

WHEREAS, a healthy forest is critical to the health of our community; and

WHEREAS, renewable energy is both a practical and achievable goal; and

WHEREAS, the Town wishes to act in concert with others throughout the State; and

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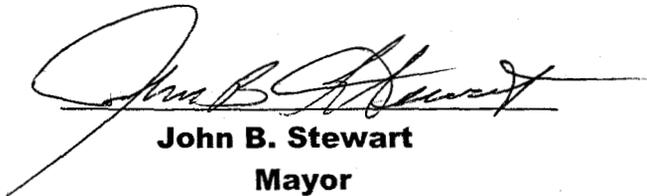
WHEREAS, adoption of this resolution demonstrates leadership, focuses attention on the problem, promotes efforts to address the issue, and supports the on-going efforts of both the Town and our partners to resolve this problem;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SNOWFLAKE AS FOLLOWS:

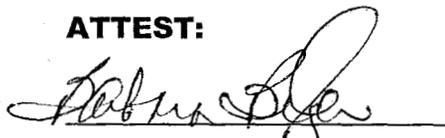
SECTION 1: That the Mayor and the Council of the Town of Snowflake urge the Arizona Corporation Commission to:

- (1) Support the effort to provide for a portion of Arizona's renewable energy to come from biomass (wood and wood waste products) energy;**
- (2) Extend the Arizona Environmental Portfolio Standard (EPS) beyond the current sunset date of 2012; and**
- (3) Develop other rules and regulations necessary to advance the framework for a biomass energy industry in the State of Arizona.**

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Council and approved by the mayor of the Town of Snowflake, this 9th day of March, 2004.


John B. Stewart
Mayor

ATTEST:


Barbara Bigler
Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Nikolaus G. Decker
Town Attorney