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Dear Commissioner Gleason:

I am a member of the business community in Arizona who has chosen an alternative energy provider in other states where retail competition is available. Being able to manage my energy costs has helped me stay competitive, which, especially today, is no small task. Giving Arizona consumers and businesses the power to choose their energy provider gives electricity users the ability to manage their own economic destinies.

The Arizona Corporation Commission is in the midst of a proceeding to determine the level of retail competition in Arizona, and the outcome of this case will significantly affect the choices Arizona businesses will have. I am concerned that decisions made during this proceeding might result in the creation of additional barriers to choice, and as a result negate any benefit realized by switching to a competitive supplier. . Specifically, I am concerned about the creation of additional stranded cost or the imposition of an exit fee on customers who choose to leave the incumbent utility.

As our state continues to develop an economic development platform that includes affordable and reliable energy, please remember my company and the many others who will benefit from a robust competitive marketplace.

Sincerely,

Bob Valair
Director, Energy and Environmental Management

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