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The Honorable Jeff Hatch-Miller
Chair
Arizona Corporation Commission
1200 Washington Boulevard
Phoenix, AZ 85007

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Re: Docket No. 01345-A-05-0376 APS EPS Credit Purchase Program

Dear Commissioner Hatch-Miller:

Kyocera Solar, Inc. strongly supports a unified financial incentive program to deploy distributed solar energy throughout the state of Arizona. The fast growth of the solar industry in Arizona is evidence that solar energy is popular with residents of the state. I believe that it is important to implement a statewide rebate program beginning in January 2006 so that businesses and households can take advantage of the 30% Federal Production Tax Credit without delay. This tax credit will help Arizona finance more projects and stretch the ratepayer investments in the EPS.

I strongly support allowing customers to assign rebate payments to dealer/installer or manufacturers of the PV systems, once the system has been installed and inspected by the utility company and the customer. This will reduce customer's upfront payment of the system. I will ask that the guidelines under which the rebate program administrator disburses the checks to the dealer or manufacturer are clear to avoid payment delays because of misunderstandings or misinterpretations of the rules. The utility company should have no more than twenty days from the time the system is installed and began operating until the rebate payment is received by the manufacturer or dealer/installer.

Kyocera Solar agrees that the rebate payment should be reduced to \$3/watt, and fully supports a Performance Based Incentive (PBI) program for the commercial sector.

Thank you very much for your leadership in helping Arizona increase its use of renewable energy.

Sincerely,

Steve Hill
President
Kyocera Solar, Inc.

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