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Subject: Geothermal as Qualified Renewable Energy

As part of the Department of Energy's GeoPowering the West initiative, I wish to request that power plant technologies that use geothermal resources be considered for qualification under the provisions of the Arizona Environmental Portfolio Standard. Geothermal energy is widely recognized as a qualified renewable energy resource in most states, including neighboring states of California, Nevada, and New Mexico. Also, until such time that a formal reconsideration for the determination of the qualifying renewable resources can be made, I request that geothermal also be considered for exception or variance as the Arizona Corporation Commission considers docket # E-01345A-02-0852 or other similar case that may arise in the future.

Should you wish to contact me I would be happy to provide more information. I can be reached at 505-844-6111.

Sincerely,
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