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Subject: Docket #E-01345A-05-0816

To Whom It May Concern:

E-01345A-05-0826
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We, along with others involved in this rate case have proposed alternatives to those Houses of worship who will now be prevented from using the currently available APS rates. These rates will be superseded by the new proposed rates if you allow them to go into effect.

The current ICE agreement has allowed churches to contend with rising utility rates and still maintain their ministry budgets. Churches need to put their funding into the area of outreach and social needs. The Episcopal Diocese of Arizona is planning on starting 10 new churches in the next 10 years. The ability to do this in the manner needed will be greatly impacted by this new rate issue. We as a church need to be able to put our precious dollars where they will do the greatest good – not just to pay the utility bills.

Churches do not typically use the greatest amount of power on the high peak times as defined by APS as 3:00 to 6:00 PM Week Days. Our building usage is high during the day and on weekends.

Thank you for assistance and attention to this issue.

Faithfully,

The Rt. Rev. Kirk Stevan Smith, Ph.D.
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