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Arizona Corporation Commission  
1200 W. Washington St.  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

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Re: Docket Numbers ~~E-01345A-08-0172~~ and E-00000J-08-0314

Dear Commissioners,

In 2006, Arizona's 35-member task force on climate change submitted 49 recommendations that would create \$5.25 billion in net savings from electricity and \$9.6 billion in petroleum savings by 2020. Most of the recommended reductions would be achieved by improving efficiencies in transportation and lighting, cooling, and heating buildings.

As a member of that task force, I am writing you today to support increasing energy efficiency requirements as part of the Commission workshops on energy efficiency and the APS rate case.

The U.S. economy wastes 55 percent of the energy it consumes through inefficient lighting, air conditioning, and a host of other easy-to-fix practices. The amount lost by electric utilities alone could power all of Japan. Economists point out that rational markets don't "leave \$100 bills on the ground." But analysts say more than \$50 billion evaporates into the air each year, money that we can save by cost-effective investments in energy efficiency.

Energy efficiency must be Arizona's state's top priority in restoring our ailing economy. As an APS rate payer and father of two, I urge you to move rapidly and aggressively in adopting sensible solutions. We cannot afford to do otherwise.

Sincerely,

Roger Clark  
Air & Energy Director

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