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

Dear Commissioners,

Energy efficiency is incredibly important for Arizona. It will not only help to reduce our pollution levels, but can also return savings for rate payers and create jobs that are needed all across the state. I am writing to convey Environment Arizona's support for increasing energy efficiency requirements to at least 20% by 2020 as part of the Commission workshops on energy efficiency and as part of the APS rate case.

Energy efficiency will help to save both businesses and consumers money as it helps to reduce their energy consumption. In fact, in a national study, for every dollar that is invested in energy efficiency the return rate is \$1.50. In addition, by using less energy, Arizona will save water that is currently used to produce coal-fired and nuclear energy. These are benefits that every APS user deserves to realize.

Increasing energy efficiency is also an opportunity for us to take real steps to address pollution on a local level. By reducing the amount of energy rate payers use, we can help to reduce the amount of particulates that are produced from energy sources such as coal. We owe it to future generations to make Arizona a clean and healthy place to live. The American Lung Association identified Arizona as having one of the highest rates of asthma in the country--approximately 548,000 Arizonans suffer from asthma. We owe it to future generations to reduce our energy consumption and thus our pollution.

Energy efficiency is of benefit to not only APS consumers but for all Arizonans.

Yours Truly,

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