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

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

Dear members of the Arizona Corporation Commission,

The undersigned is President Emeritus of the **American Council of Consumer Awareness, Inc.** a Member of the Arizona Consumers Council Board and a resident of Tucson. I respectfully encourage you to choose 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.

Investments in energy efficiency yield high returns and can be implemented in a short time frame and customized to specific consumer needs. Increasing energy efficiency will not expose customers or Arizona utilities to fluctuating fossil fuel, natural gas and other such prices.

As Arizona continues to grow into the future, we need a more efficient and cleaner mix of energy resources. The benefits of doing so will lead to more stabilized prices, greater reliability and a reduction in need for transmission and other infrastructure system costs.

When energy supply costs are reduced, bills are lowered for customers. To me, paying more in electric rates to pay less on my electric bill makes sense. The resulting energy savings more than offsets the cost of energy efficiency measures.

Through increasing investments in effective energy efficiency programs and providing proper education about these programs, the Commission will allow businesses and consumers to save money which can be used to benefit local economies in our state.

I urge you to move forward an increase energy efficiency requirements as part of the Commission workshops on energy efficiency and as part of the APS rate case.

Sincerely,  
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