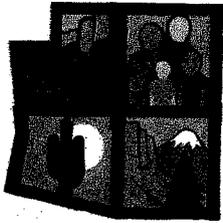


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Re: Docket Numbers E-01345A-08-0172 and ~~E-000001-08-0314 + E-000006-08-0314~~

Dear Commissioners,

The Arizona League of Conservation Voters Education Fund is writing to you to support increasing energy efficiency requirements to at least 20% by 2020 as part of the APS rate case and as part of the Commission workshops on energy efficiency.

Energy efficiency is the cleanest, smartest and cheapest energy source that we have. We need to maximize efficiency measures and require utilities to offer programs to increase energy efficiency by providing assistance to customers interested in increasing their energy efficiency and to provide widely available and accessible education on those programs.

While it is true that energy efficiency programs may require initial funding (resulting in slightly higher electricity rates), it is also true that investing in efficiency will help to lower overall electric bills by utilizing new technologies in efficient lighting and other energy consuming appliances. The AZLCV Education Fund believes in investing in our future and realizes that slightly higher rates that fund programs to help consumers reduce energy consumption will pay off in the long run.

We encourage the Commission to require APS to invest in programs to provide rebates and technical assistance to electric utility customers who purchase energy efficient lighting, appliances, and other equipment, or invest in measures in their home, office or other buildings that result in reductions in energy use. We also would like to see programs to help reduce the urban heat island effect through shading, cool roofs, and cool pavements. As an organization that represents thousands of APS customers, we know that these programs will benefit our members by lowering electric bills in the long run while reducing electricity consumption on both an individual level and statewide.

The AZLCV Education Fund's support of technical assistance and financial incentives does not stop with individual consumers. AZLCV Education Fund also supports programs for businesses and schools that increase their energy efficiency, as well as design assistance and incentives for builders who construct efficient homes and buildings. All energy efficiency programs should be made available to and be inclusive of all demographics of APS customers; low-income, high income, renters and home-owners.

Thank you for considering our comments as you deliberate over increasing energy efficiency in Arizona.

Sincerely,

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