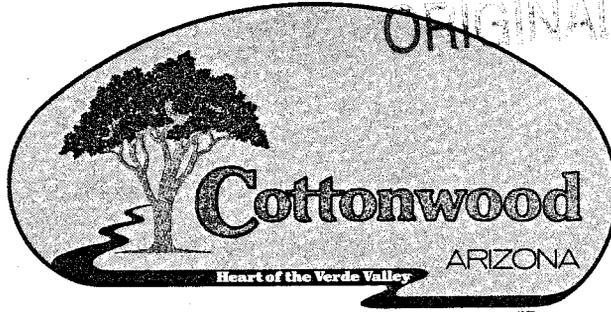




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Dear Mr. Spitzer:

I understand the Corporation Commission is being asked to extend the Environmental Portfolio Standard (EPS) beyond 2012 and include Biomass energy production as a component of the portfolio. I believe that consideration should also be given to allow for Power Purchase Agreements that would last longer than 10 years in order to provide enough time for a return on investment.

I am sure your Commission is well aware of the problems in our forests and the enormous task in front of us to return them to a more natural state. Hopefully, several viable wood product industries will emerge from this endeavor. However, we all know that thousands of tons of waste product will be left over from thinning projects. Currently, slash piles are left behind to burn at appropriate times. There is no reason why we should not utilize this waste to create a Biomass energy market and transfer that power to the grid. Jobs will be created with this newly tapped and renewable energy source and with ongoing forest restoration we could count on these jobs for years to come.

Please strongly consider this new effort and assist us in the forest cleanup.

Sincerely,

Ruben Jauregui
Mayor
City of Cottonwood

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