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The Honorable Rowle P. Simmons
City of Prescott
P.O. Box 2059
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RE: Environmental Portfolio Standard
Docket No. RE-00000C-00-0377

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Dear Mayor Simmons:

Thank you for you letter regarding biomass energy production in the Prescott National Forest area and its connection with our Commission's Environmental Portfolio Standard ("EPS"). I was in Prescott during the Indian Fire, which came close to our home and forced the evacuation of friends and family. I appreciate your thoughtful dedication to our community and the relevance of this issue to EPS.

The Commission has an open docket on the EPS rules, and this correspondence and your January 22, 2004 letter will be placed in that docket. I enclose for your review letters from Commissioners previously filed in the EPS docket.

I encourage greater communication by the public on this important issue. I also look forward to your participation in the EPS rulemaking process and, ultimately, a set of rules that promote energy efficiency, protect the environment and recognize the unique beauty, and challenges of northern Arizona.

Very truly yours,

Marc Spitzer
Chairman

Enclosures:

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