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Environmental Portfolio Standard  
Docket No. RE-00000C-00-0377

Re: Extension of the EPS beyond 2012

Dear Marc:

Camp Verde is surrounded by National Forest and just a few minutes east of our Town limits the forest turns into a jungle. The density of the trees is a disaster waiting to happen. While it appears that the debate about how the forest can be thinned has new options, the options on what to do with the waste from the clean up have been fairly limited. On the rare occasions that forest cleaning has taken place, the slash piles have waited for the right weather conditions to burn. These are labor-intensive exercises that leave a smoke trail that always seems to find our Town.

I understand that this year the Corporation Commission has the option of reviewing the Environmental Portfolio Standard (EPS) and include Biomass energy production as an addition to the mix. I see this as a way that Biomass, as a clean burning, inexpensive way to clean up the forest, can be used to as a renewable energy source. In order to make this process viable, it would be necessary to extend the EPS beyond 2012 so that possible investors can achieve a return on their investment.

At the January 28, 2004 meeting the Town Council unanimously voted to support this extension if the Environmental Portfolio Standard beyond 2012. Therefore, I urge you to assist in moving this forward and providing forest clean up a productive option to use.

Sincerely,

Mitch Dickinson,  
Mayor, Camp Verde

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