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Mr. Don Howard
Ponderosa Fire Advisory Council
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RE: Environmental Portfolio Standard
Docket No. RE-00000C-00-0377

Dear Mr. Howard:

Thank you for you letter regarding biomass energy production in connection with our Commission's Environmental Portfolio Standard ("EPS"). I know the importance of forest management to Coconino County and to Northern Arizona. I was in Prescott during the Indian Fire, which came close to our home and forced the evacuation of friends and family. I share the concerns you have raised on behalf of the Ponderosa Fire Advisory Council.

The Commission has an open docket on the EPS rules, and this correspondence and your January 28, 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:

cc: Commissioner Mundell
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