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Mr. Mark Spitzer, Chairman
Arizona Corporation Commission
Administration Division
1200 West Washington
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Environmental Portfolio Standard
Docket No. RE-00000C-00-0377

Dear Mr. Spitzer:

We are writing today to urge your continued support of the Environmental Portfolio Standard for the State of Arizona. The commission's recent decision to raise the standard from 0.8% to 1.1% is encouraging and helps to demonstrate our state's commitment to renewable energy, an industry that represents significant opportunities for economic development.

While the decision to raise the EPS is helpful for the continued growth of environmentally-friendly sources of energy, it is important that the commission also take steps to ensure that the standard is a long-term proposition. Currently, the EPS will sunset in 2012; we urge the commission to extend the standard to 2022 or beyond. A longer time frame on the EPS will allow utilities and other interested entities that construct renewable energy generation facilities or infrastructure to adequately recover their investment over a longer period of time.

Additionally, we would encourage the Commission to look closely at a flexible "allocation mix" amongst various forms of renewable energy (biomass, solar, wind, et al.). Allowing producers to choose a method of generation that minimizes their cost and maximizes their technical expertise will ensure that continued development of environmentally-conscious energy continues well into the future.

We feel that these measures will ensure that Arizona remains a leader in the field of renewable energy, including the economic development associated with this growing industry.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,


Stephanie McKinney
President & CEO
Arizona Corporation Commission


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Member, Board of Directors

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