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I read with interest that "Realtors, home builders and some lawmakers want APS customers to pay for power lines to new homes and developments ... to help spur growth and the economy." That these self-serving groups want to profit at the expense of the public is no surprise, from the historical record. Almost all developers, and their profit group partners, minimize their investments, maximize their profits, then take the money and run, leaving the public to bear the burden of ongoing upkeep, services and infrastructure improvement expenses - think Anthem and I-17, for example. We in Arizona, if not the entire country, are currently experiencing the down side of the unbridled home construction and speculation aftermath. To conscientiously spur growth and the economy, stable job environments from sustaining long-term industry is needed, not hit-and-run construction. Let the builders and speculators pay their own costs in pursuit of profit, instead of feeding at the public trough through subsidies.

I fully support the 2007 action of the Arizona Corporate Commission direction to terminate the free power lines for new developments. The narrow spectrum of growth and sprawl should rightly pay its own way, not be subsidized by the public dollar for the benefit of builders, realtors and land speculators. I fervently hope the ACC does not rescind the 2007 prohibition.

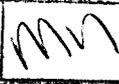
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