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Commissioner Paul Newman
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Dear Chairwoman Kristin Mayes:

About 18 months ago the Commission repealed a policy of granting 1000 feet of free power line to a residence or business to connection to the nearest power main source. Now these costs to the owner for this line, which are owned by APS, are running into thousands of dollars.

- The "free line" policy has been in effect for 54 years so just about EVERY Arizonan alive has benefitted and used it.
- APS is a monopoly in our electricity market so there is no way to even get competitive bids.
- The power lines are a cost of doing business which APS should bear just like other companies.
- This policy is dramatically reducing property values as lots without power are no longer affordable for housing.
- Rural and out-lying Counties are being hit very hard. Our areas have few alternative residential areas such as big production builder subdivisions so we are losing construction jobs and the counties are losing huge tax base.
- Rural and outlying Arizona is a partner in the economy and quality of life that ALL Arizonans enjoy.

We pay for our growth with impact fees, building permits, and taxes and provide a huge benefit to the state. We are asking that you please REINSTATE the 1000 feet electric no cost extension.

Thank you for your attention.

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