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Commissioner Paul Newman
1200 W. Washington St.
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Dear Commissioner Newman,

Re: Docket Numbers [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and
E-01345A-08-0172

I am writing in support of increased energy efficiency requirements as part of the APS rate case settlement agreement and as part of the Commission workshops on energy efficiency. Energy efficiency is the cleanest and cheapest energy source we have. We should maximize efficiency measures and require the utilities to offer programs to assist customers to increase their energy efficiency.

I realize that the APS rate case will result in higher electricity rates, but, coupled with the significant increases in energy efficiency, it will help consumers lower overall electric bills.

Weatherization, new energy efficient lighting and appliances, and

mitigating the heat island effect can all reduce energy consumption. I

am willing to pay higher rates to fund programs that will help me lower my energy use and my electric bills.

I am supportive of the program to invest in efficiency and renewable energy for K-12 schools. Eliminating the upfront costs for schools will remove a significant barrier for schools investing in renewable energy, and the energy efficiency investments will help schools lower their electric bills.

Programs that provide rebates and technical assistance to electric utility customers who purchase energy efficient lighting, air conditioners, and other equipment or invest in measures in their home, office, or other buildings that result in reductions in energy use are all good investments for the future and are necessary for reducing our energy load in Arizona. I also would like to see programs to help reduce the urban heat island effect through shading, cool roofs, and cool pavements. As an APS customer, these are programs that will benefit me by helping lower my electric bills.

I also support measures to provide technical assistance and financial incentives for businesses and schools that increase their energy efficiency, as well as design assistance and incentives for builders who construct efficient homes and buildings. Any efficiency program

should include grants for weatherizing low-income housing -- rental and owner-occupied.

Thank you for considering my comments as you make your decisions about increasing energy efficiency in Arizona.

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Sincerely,

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