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Kristin K. Mayes, Chair
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Bob Stump, Commissioner

RE: Docket No. E-01345A-09-0227 – The Community Power Project – Flagstaff Pilot

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing on behalf of Arizona Community Action Association to support the application by APS to create and manage the Distributed Energy Initiative – The Community Power Project.

Families throughout Arizona, particularly those considered low-income, have extremely limited opportunities to take advantage of solar or other distributed energy options throughout their communities due to the cost of installation and maintenance. The Community Power Project will allow these families to participate in a pilot that provides access to these resources without increasing the family's expenses, and without the usual up-front financial obligation. This program also integrates these families into the greater community through inclusion in this program.

Additionally, this introduction of distributed energy through the solar installations, will allow for families to better plan their utility costs as the rates are held steady for 20 years, a timeframe that is significant, and allows more stability and predictability during what we know are extremely unpredictable times.

I urge the Commission's support of this program, and offer Arizona Community Action Association's assistance in any way that's viable in order to reach possible participants in the program.

Thank you for your consideration of this program and my request.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Zwick
Executive Director

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