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

Honorable Commissioners,

I am writing in support of the APS Community Power Project. I see approval of this project as promoting at least three benefits in our community. First, I have talked to many community members that want to directly participate in producing renewable energy through solar panels but lack the resources for capital financing. Secondly, the more these consumers can access renewable energy, the greater the potential that material costs in the marketplace will be reduced because of demand. Third, it sets the precedent that there are innovative local solutions that can have a sizable impact on the generation of renewable energy.

I congratulate the Corporation Commission members, particularly Chairman Kris Mayes, who fought for the Distributed Generation carve out under the Renewable Energy Standards. I understand the benefits that distributed generation has for consumers, for stability in rates, and for domestic energy security. The APS plan achieves most of those benefits while partnering with consumers. Consumers that wish to own their own systems and sell back excess power to the utilities still have the choice to do so while taking advantage of state and federal tax incentives.

APS had a hard choice to make regarding the Renewable Energy Standards. It could have either spent resources fighting the Distributed Generation mandate, or set about producing solutions for compliance while increasing options for their consumers. APS made the right choice for both consumers and for Arizona, and I would suggest that the Corporation Commission look favorably upon Community Power Project.

Thank you for your consideration of my letter of support.

Sincerely,

Kara Kelly, Director
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