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

Thank you for the opportunity to present this letter of support for the APS Community Power Project. As President of Northern Arizona University I believe that clean, renewable energy is in Arizona's future. The Community Power Project is forward thinking and will provide a pathway for all Arizonans to access the benefits of renewable energy and the green economy.

Arizona Public Service has been a long term partner with Northern Arizona University. The partnership has and continues to provide opportunities for NAU students and faculty to engage in cutting-edge renewable energy research that is giving rise to solutions for overcoming the obstacles of implementing renewable energy. Now is the time to continue this important work. The learning and research potential for NAU and Arizona's students with the Community Power Project is noteworthy in itself but the added potential in basic research, intellectual property, and practical applications generated from the Community Power Project will advantage Arizona companies and citizens in the competitive national and international marketplace.

Northern Arizona University takes its role as an economic driver and in developing a workforce that is prepared for a diverse economy and high-wage jobs seriously. We remain committed to enhancing the quality of life in Arizona through an educated citizenry and the expansion of start-up companies that emerge from the innovation and research centers in the university. In every way, from leading efficient institutions to providing essential services, we want to be part of Arizona's solutions and renewable energy future. I believe the Community Power Project reflects Arizona Public Service commitment to excellence in serving its customers, providing leadership to the citizens of Arizona, and being part of Arizona's solutions as well. Let me encourage you to approve this worthy project.

Respectfully,

[Signature of John D. Haeger]

John D. Haeger
President