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RE: Docket No. E-01750A-10-0453

Dear members of the Arizona Corporation Commission,

On behalf of the Arizona PIRG Education Fund, I am writing to urge the Commission to reject the proposed Mohave Electric Cooperative, Inc. Waste to Energy facility as a pilot or other program under the Renewable Energy Standard and Tariff (REST).

The Arizona PIRG Education Fund was an active participant in the process to bring a stronger renewable energy standard to Arizona. Although we preferred a standard that went faster and further, we were pleased with the compromises that occurred along the way and with the adoption of the final policy. In particular, the definition of "renewable energy" underwent quite a bit of scrutiny with the ultimate result one that defines what is truly "renewable."

As you are aware, waste to energy was discussed during the REST process and ultimately rejected. The reasons why waste to energy should be rejected by the Commission then still apply today. Municipal solid waste produces air emissions that pose a risk to public health. Although the Arizona PIRG Education Fund supports new technologies to bring cleaner energy to our state, there is no "good cause" to include waste to energy as an eligible renewable energy resource.

Please do not open the door for technologies that do not fit into the current REST.

Sincerely,

Diane E. Brown
Executive Director

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