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RE: Customer Comments in support of Energy Efficiency and Decoupling - ~~Arizona Public Service~~
~~Rate Case E-01345A-11-0224~~, and Southwest Gas Rate Case G-01551A-10-0458

Dear Commissioners,

I am a practicing professional mechanical engineer. I design mechanical systems to be energy efficient. My talents can conserve a lot of energy and reduce pollution. So, should the utilities. Their incentives should encourage less energy use, not more. We need strong decoupling policies. Thank you for taking the time to consider my request.

Sincerely,

Ray Alfini PE
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Dear members of the Arizona Corporation Commission,

I am an APS and SW Gas customer. I am interested in increasing energy efficiency in Arizona, and feel this is an important goal for all residents, as it will benefit public health and support a more environmentally conscious community in Arizona. I therefore want to see utilities have an incentive to use less, not more, energy through strong energy efficiency and decoupling policies. Thank you for your work on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Ariel Collins
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Dear members of the Arizona Corporation Commission,

We want to see utilities have an incentive to use less, not more, energy through strong energy efficiency and decoupling policies.

Sincerely,

Thierry Deshayes
Scottsdale Unified #48
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Dear members of the Arizona Corporation Commission,

Please help Arizona to become more resource efficient, and its utilities to set the example. By supporting decoupling, the ACC will send a message to the business community that business efficiency makes good sense. I feel that resource efficiency AND a strong economy can exist together. In fact, I feel that former can create the latter. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Brian Fellows
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Dear members of the Arizona Corporation Commission,

Commissioners it is no secret that the entire country has been grappling with the issue of energy conservation and *what needs to be done to conserve energy*, so it is disturbing to me that the suggested tone of the commission presents a scenario that deviates from the conservation theme of the country. We Arizonians because we live in a desert region that boasts in excess of 300 days of sun yearly, have an excellent opportunity to show the country how we can harness abundant energy from the sun and not only conserve energy but save it citizenry from paying excessive utility fees. I am presently a SW and a APS consumer. My SW usage is extremely manageable and I am on the Equalizer Plan with APS which makes it manageable as well. On the plan I make 12 equal monthly payments that I feel would be greatly affected down-wardly if we had more user friendly energy incentives, along with decoupling policies, that would encourage us to use less energy and not more. Having said that, I would be remiss if I did not thank the commission for their efforts thus far on this most important issue of energy conservation.

Sincerely,

Sandra Kay Clark
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Dear members of the Arizona Corporation Commission,

Energy efficiency is very important to promote by utilities, but it does hurt their profit to do so. Decoupling is a good way to get utilities to be enthusiastic participants, so at least it does not hurt them financially. Despite demagogary that will occur on this, there is broad consensus that this is a good thing for efficiency, it is good for utility earnings predictability, and it is good for utilities themselves, while reducing costs to consumers. As a customer of UES Gas and APS, I support this approach to efficiency and rate design. Thanks for your work on this.

Sincerely,

Tom Broderick
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Dear members of the Arizona Corporation Commission,

We need to become a country that conserves energy, not wastes it. Having programs that promote excess energy consumption threatens our national security, our environment, and the future of our children. Please use your authority to encourage Arizona utility companies to conserve energy.
Thank-you.

Sincerely,

Helen Peterson
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Dear members of the Arizona Corporation Commission,

I am a SWG customer. I want to see an incentive for using less, not more energy through strong energy efficiency and decoupling policies. My children deserve the adults today to make good decisions to protect their future on this planet. Thank you for listening. My hope is your action will follow with what is best not what is profitable.

Sincerely,

Lezley Shepherd
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Dear members of the Arizona Corporation Commission,

It is hard to be competitive with solar when very large APS customers are getting an artificially low rate. Such low rates discourage efficiency and the advancement of Photovoltaics. We are customers of APS and SW Gas. Incentives should be more market driven and based upon costs of NEW energy production costs. Decoupling would benefit all over a period of time. We can now provide PV Peaking Power for \$0.08/Wp but have problems getting contracts due to Utility hurdles designed to stop small local business!

Regards,

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Dear members of the Arizona Corporation Commission,

I am a firm believer in reducing energy consumption. Things I have done to my 45 year home include: install double pane windows throughout, add 12 inches of insulation to attic, replace 95 percent of incandescent lamps with flourescents, seal air vents, replace air conditioning system (2010). Wife and I are both retired (fixed income). Savings on energy useage permits us to keep even with price increases, and even provide money for other discretionary uses. Of course these improvements make an old house more liveable, as well as increase its value and eventually saleability.

Sincerely,

Dwayne Fink
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Dear members of the Arizona Corporation Commission,

We need to use less energy, not more and must have policies and procedures in place to support that. You must let the utility companies know that reducing energy consumption is one of your highest priority.

Sincerely,

Janet Valder
SW Gas customer
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Phoenix, AZ 85016-1913

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Dear members of the Arizona Corporation Commission,

To help people write this letter Arizona PIRG gives a list of potential reasons to include for why one would be interested in increasing energy efficiency in Arizona. I will not simply list a bunch of reasons why it is important to be more efficient with our energy usage as these points have been made perfectly clear to anyone willing to listen in the past several years. Simply put it is irresponsible to have incentives for people to use more energy. Please provide incentives for less energy use.

Sincerely,

Tylan Watkins
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Dear members of the Arizona Corporation Commission,

In energy terms, less really is more - for all of us including future Arizonans.

Sincerely,

Judy Whitehouse
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Phoenix, AZ 85008-4215

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Dear members of the Arizona Corporation Commission,

for a variety of reasons supported by quality science we need to encourage using less energy even if it is from sources that are not as carbon laden. We owe that indeference to the quality of life now and across generations.

Sincerely,

Jeff Williamson
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Phoenix, AZ 85018-7909

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Dear members of the Arizona Corporation Commission,

I am an APS customer. Energy efficiency is important to me as a way of money and resource savings. I dry my clothes outside and only use my washer during off-peak hours. I work to save on energy and think that the utilities need to do the same. Thanks for your work on this issue.

Sincerely,

Glenda Groyer
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Phoenix, AZ 85006-1083

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Dear members of the Arizona Corporation Commission,

I want to see utilities have an incentive to use less, not more, energy through strong energy efficiency and decoupling policies.

Sincerely,

Anni Damgaard
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Gilbert, AZ 85233-7134

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Dear members of the Arizona Corporation Commission,

We should have incentives to use less, not more energy in order to preserve our environment and resources.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Reinhart
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Flagstaff, AZ 86001-4051

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Dear members of the Arizona Corporation Commission,

I think as a service company to those in your community, you should provide service at the least possible cost to the consumer. Many of your consumers are going through tough times, financially. I am one of them. I was laid off 20 months ago. I'm 58 years old and no one seems to want to hire me. I struggle paying my monthly bills which include Southwest Gas, and to find out that you are not reciprocating by encouraging less usage, is appalling. I want to see utilities have an incentive to use less, not more, energy through strong energy efficiency and decoupling policies. Please work for those you are supposed to work for. We can't fire you, at this point we have no choice.. stop using that to your advantage. We are starting to stand up for our rights, and pushing those who take advantage to the side. Do you know how much money was taken out of the big banks recently? Listen to MoveOn.org, the #Occupy movement, and other organizations and people all over who are fed up! . We have had enough.

Sincerely,

Donna Stebbinsd
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Dear members of the Arizona Corporation Commission,

I'm an APS customer, and hope eventually to have our own solar panels. In many cases I don't feel wind farms or solar farms even make sense because the power companies are 'charging for sunshine' and using a very inefficient delivery system to get that power into our homes. There is simply no reason that most houses *and many other buildings* can't have their own solar panels to at least take advantage of free sunlight to power much of their home's needs. Subsidizing non-renewable and polluting energy is the wrong direction.

Sincerely,

Cindy Schnackel
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Dear members of the Arizona Corporation Commission,

You guys need to end the perverse financial incentives that currently exist for Arizona Public Service, Southwest Gas and other utilities, to encourage Arizonans to use more energy, not less. Please help the big corporations make the right decisions to save energy. We need decoupling policies put in place. These guys need to promote energy efficiency. Thanks.

Sincerely,

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Dear members of the Arizona Corporation Commission,

I can't believe that the State and energy companies are encouraging customers to use more energy.
If this is correct, STOP NOW! Less, not more, must be the message.

Sincerely,

Pat Hamilton
100 E Fillmore St Unit 211
Phoenix, AZ

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Dear members of the Arizona Corporation Commission,

I am writing you today to encourage your efforts to help Arizonans save more energy. In a time of recession, every household is trying to find ways to save money and by decreasing the use of utilities we can all save money as well as the environment. This can be done through promoting and rewarding the customer's energy efficiency by giving them discounted rates on their utility bills. Therefore the people that use more utilities will pay a much higher rate than those who save energy do. For public action to take effect, there must be a substantial incentive. Monetary savings will be that incentive. If wasteful and inefficient use of utilities becomes very expensive, people will think twice before allowing it to continue. As an APS and Southwest Gas customer, I have found that these utility bills have so many added fees and taxes that I have to wonder what all these extra fees pay for? Perhaps these taxes and fees should be directed toward education and promotion of energy efficiency in the public and expanding cleaner and more cost effective utility sources. For the sake of our limited resources, utility companies should always be encouraging and promoting ways to save energy. It's the only way we will have enough to ensure our children's future. Thank you for time and consideration in trying to promote this very important topic.

Sincerely,

Connie Galts
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Dear members of the Arizona Corporation Commission,

Arizona needs to become more energy efficient. Phoenix is already the least sustainable city in the world.

Sincerely,

Joshua Novess
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Phoenix, AZ 85015-9008

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Dear members of the Arizona Corporation Commission,

It doesn't make sense to have utilities incentivized to use more energy, rather than less. Why is this the current policy for AZ -- just one more way to make AZ politics a joke!!! We should have at least 50% of our energy from renewable sources within the next 10 years, and should encourage all citizens to use less energy, through progressively higher rates as they use more, rebates for renewable energy like solar, and help with more insulation, etc. We need strong energy efficiency policies to help our economy and keep America strong!

Sincerely,

Patricia Bauer
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Dear Commissioners,

I strongly support decoupling to promote energy efficiency. Energy efficiency is the best first step in meeting increased energy needs in that it also benefits our environment, giving us cleaner air and reduced greenhouse gas emissions.

Sincerely,

Bettina Bickel
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Glendale, AZ 85302-3401

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Dear members of the Arizona Corporation Commission,

I'm writing to encourage the ACC to adopt new policies that require utility companies to provide greater incentives for consumer energy efficiency and use of renewable energy. To make this feasible, it will be necessary to implement decoupling in Arizona so that the utility companies' profits are not directly tied to energy sales. Why do I care about this? I am concerned about U.S. energy security and would like to see us reduce use of imported energy (from the Middle East, Canada, or elsewhere). I am concerned about the health and environmental impacts of existing and planned new generation facilities. Coal plants emit large amounts of mercury in addition to carbon dioxide. Nuclear plants require huge amounts of water for cooling and the warmer discharged water has negative environmental impacts. I am concerned about the global environmental impacts of carbon-based fuel use. Climate change is a reality and its impacts will be felt very strongly in Arizona.

Thank you,

George Koch
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Dear members of the Arizona Corporation Commission,

In this age of limited energy resources I would like to see the APS and SW Gas companies initiate an incentive to use less , not more energy. This could be done through strong energy efficiency and decoupling policies. I am a APS user and totally support movement toward any policies that do that. I certainly understand your service on this board is very important and I wish to thank you for your public concern and service especially on this very important issue. Let's make Az a leader in the nation for energy saving policies.

Sincerely,

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Dear members of the Arizona Corporation Commission,

Please change incentives for Arizonans to use less energy. As a physician, I know that this promotes public health as well as decreasing our reliance on unhealthy coal and natural gas burning. We also need to create jobs and economic development. I am an APS customer. I want utilities to have an incentive to use LESS energy through strong energy efficiency and decoupling policies. Thank you for all of your work on this important issue.

Sincerely,

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Flagstaff, AZ

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Dear members of the Arizona Corporation Commission,

I am an APS and SW Gas customer who desperately wants to see utilities have an incentive to use less -- not more -- energy through strong energy efficiency and decoupling policies. Thank you and your fellow commissioners for your work on this important issue. I look forward to receiving your comments relative to this letter.

Sincerely,

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