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RE: Comments in support of Tucson Electric Power's Energy Efficiency Programs and Program Budgets, E-01933A-11-0055

Honorable Chairman Gary Pierce and Commissioners,

The Metropolitan Energy Commission (MEC) is an appointed body of 16 energy managers, private and public sector business people and renewable energy advocates charged with advising Tucson Mayor and Council and the County Board of Supervisors on energy policy and with educating the public on energy issues. Our Mission is to move the Tucson region toward energy sustainability.

This letter addresses the issue of energy efficiency standards in the rate case for Tucson Electric Power currently before you. The members of the Metropolitan Energy Commission ask you to fully support the energy efficiency programs and budgets proposed by Tucson Electric Power in their energy efficiency implementation plan. This motion was pass without unanimously by the Metropolitan Energy Commission, TEP representative abstaining.

MEC sees the benefit of energy efficiency programs to private business, consumers, and the general economy as we do our work of policy review and energy education. MEC is a partner with TEP in delivering energy conservation and efficiency workshops to Tucson homeowners. In the past 2 months, over 150 consumers have benefited from the workshops. They understand that by conserving energy and using it efficiently, we can all keep energy costs low. We feel confident that energy efficiency will increase in those homes, and the installation of renewable energy sources will also increase.

Energy efficiency and renewable energy actions taken now will save us from the costs of expensive power plants that otherwise will have to be built – a cost for business and consumer alike.

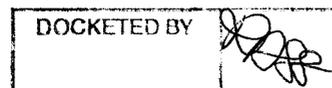
We congratulate you, Chairman Pierce, and Commissioners on the foresight you've shown in protecting the long-range financial interests of business and consumers with the energy efficiency policies. We look forward to supporting these policies through the work of the Metropolitan Energy Commission.

Sincerely,  
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**"Serving as a catalyst for the City of Tucson and Pima County to build a more Sustainable energy future in the region."**

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