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January 6, 2012

Arizona Corporation Commission
1200 W. Washington Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

RE: Consumer comments in support of Tucson Electric Power's Energy Codes Enhancement Program, E-01933A-11-0055

Dear Chairman Pierce and Commissioners,

I am a building code official, and a member of the Arizona Building Officials, and the opinions expressed are my own. I urge you to support approval of Tucson Electric Power's Energy Codes Enhancement Program. This program will foster energy code advancement by providing training and technical support to local jurisdictions – training and support that local jurisdictions desperately need.

Adoption of model energy codes is one of the most cost-effective ways for our state and communities to meet growing energy needs. These codes ensure that new homes and buildings are constructed using proven techniques that guarantee superior performance and reduce energy use. The benefits are numerous: energy-efficient homes and commercial buildings are significantly less expensive to own, drive down the short-term and long-term demand for energy, improve air quality, reduce stress on our electrical grid, and defer the need to construct costly new energy infrastructure. The modest cost of this program will return big dividends for our state and region.

Please support this very important program.

Sincerely,

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