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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 Code Official and Architect that is urging 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: Efficient homes are more affordable; reduce default and foreclosure risk; drive down the short-term and long-term cost of energy; improve air quality; reduce stress on our electrical grid; and defer the need to construct costly new energy infrastructure.

Please support this very important program.

Sincerely,

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