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From: Carl Barton [A-838]
Sent: Monday, March 19, 2012 2:02 PM
To: Pierce-Web
Subject: T E P Rate Increase

The proposal to increase the overall rate to cover rebates for energy efficient appliances.
Why should people who have already upgraded or can not afford to have to pay for others?
If this increase is approved will it end when the rebate program ends?

Thank you
Carl Barton

Arizona Corporation Commission

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Arizona Corporation Commission
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RE: Energy Rebate Program

Dear Commissioners, Gary Pierce, Brenda Burns, Sandra Kennedy, Paul Newman and Bob Stump

This letter is to express my **deep dissatisfaction** with this Commission's inability to act on budget approval for Tucson Electric Power, years 2011, 2012 and at this rate 2013.

I work for an H.V.A.C. contractor in Tucson who works with Tucson Electric Power to provide mandated polices imposed by the Commission on T.E.P. for energy reduction.

We offer rebates from T.E.P. to home owners and businesses for energy efficient equipment up-grades. This is not only a good deal for our customers by giving them the ability to afford higher efficient equipment at the same price as standard but also improves our community's carbon foot print. The program creates high paying jobs that keeps us employed and creates new jobs, helping our economy.

Recently T.E.P. has had to layoff very committed and dedicated employees to keep the program in place because of lack of funding by you. Today we were informed that the program has been suspended indefinitely for that same reason.

Need I inform you how this is going to affect our community economically and environmentally? For a Commission that says it's concerned with job creation and our environment, you sure don't show it!

I think there has been enough delay here! Let us all resolve these issues and get back to work.

Sincerely,

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From: John Hannan [jhannan@cornerstoneelectricaz.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 22, 2012 1:54 PM
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Subject: Tucson Electric Power Demand Side Management Program (DSM) Program Hold

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am writing to request the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) and Tucson Electric Power (TEP) reach an immediate resolution on the budget impasse for TEP's Demand Side Management (DSM) Program. It is my understanding that neither the 2011 nor 2012 TEP DSM budgets have been approved by the ACC. Consequently, effective March 19, 2012, TEP placed its DSM Program on indefinite hold.

This hold has a devastating impact on the momentum of TEP's DSM Program, Jobs, TEP ratepayers and the ACC's stated goal to achieve annual energy savings of at least 22% by 2020. Putting a hold on this program will surely impact TEP's future success in reaching its energy saving goals. When the program exhausted funding in the summer of 2010, I believe it had a direct impact on TEP Trade Ally participation, consequently impacting TEP's 2011 goals negatively. In other words stops in the program will negatively impact program participation going forward.

As an Electrical Contractor and one of many TEP Trade Allies, we have reduced commercial energy usage, saving TEP ratepayers nearly \$500,000 in annual energy costs. Until this moment, we were in the process of proposing significant energy savings to a number of local businesses, including a 24 story, 286,000 square foot downtown high-rise. This hold has a significant impact on TEP ratepayers, the ACC's stated goals, jobs, our business and the economy.

We are now prevented from incenting business owners to reduce their energy consumption. Bottom-line, as a small business, this has a significant and negative impact on our revenues, and more personally, has a direct impact on jobs at Cornerstone Electric.

I would urge TEP and the ACC to immediately come together to resolve the budgetary impasse, and pave the way for jobs and the ACC required energy savings. Without immediate resolution there will be missed opportunities affecting all of us moving forward.

cc:

Senator Linda Lopez	Representative Bruce Wheeler
Senator Paula Aboud	Commissioner Paul Newman
Senator Frank Antenori	Commissioner Brenda Burns
Senator Olivia Cajero Bedford	Commissioner Gary Pierce
Senator Al Melvin	Commissioner Bob Stump
Representative Steve Farley	Commissioner Sandra Kennedy
Representative Matt Heinz	Jeff Hunter, Tucson Electric Power
Representative Terri Proud	James Green, KEMA Services, Inc.
Representative Vic Williams	

Best Regards,