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Chairman Gary Pierce  
Arizona Corporation Commission  
1200 West Washington  
Phoenix, AZ 85007-2996

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**Re: Tucson Electric Power Company's Application for Approval of its 2011-2012 Energy Efficiency Implementation Plan, E-01933A-11-0055**

Dear Chairman Pierce and Commissioners,

My name is Amanda Knutson and I am a 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Coyote Trail Elementary School in Marana Unified School District. An important component of our science education curriculum is participation in TEP's *Bright Students: The Conservation Generation* energy efficiency and conservation outreach program. I participated in the *Bright Students* program last school year and my students and I were amazed by the interactive curriculum taught. Not only did the presentation provide hands on experience, it also reinforced skills taught by our science curriculum, and expanded upon important economic topics, which promoted higher level thinking skills.

I am personally and professionally a strong supporter of Tucson Electric Power Company's energy efficiency programs. I support Judge Rodda's recommended opinion and order and I also encourage you to approve the energy efficiency plan before you at the September open meeting. This plan provides important opportunities to help ratepayers reduce energy costs and provides area students with wonderful opportunities to fully explore and understand how energy efficiency and conservation measures relate to and benefit their own lives.

This plan has undergone roughly two years of careful consideration and has the strong support of the Tucson community. Delaying it further will only hurt Tucson's ratepayers, local economy, and children. TEP's *Bright Students: The Conservation Generation* program is a highlight for my students and I. The educational and real-life gains are immense.

If you would like to attend TEP's presentation in my classroom this year, they will be providing 3 lessons on October 16, 2012. Experiencing their presentation will leave you in awe of the age appropriate, socially relevant, and up-to-date information they provide. You will also be able to see my students in action and how positively they respond to learning about science in a real world application.

Best regards,

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