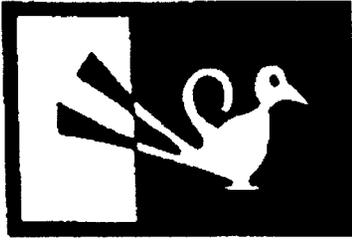


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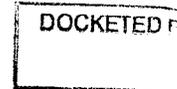
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**Re: Tucson Electric Power Company's Application for Approval of its 2011-2012 Energy Efficiency Implementation Plan, E-01933A-11-0055**

Dear Chairman Pierce and Commissioners,

My name is Neil Markowitz and I am the Executive Director of the Environmental Education Exchange. Over the last twenty years, my organization has partnered with Arizona utilities including TEP, SRP, and APS to help Arizona students, and residents learn how to save energy by providing energy education programs communitywide. I am extremely proud of our work on energy efficiency and conservation, especially our most recent partnership with TEP on energy efficiency education. Reaching over 6500 students and their families the Exchange has helped to save over one million KWh (approx. 1 gigawatt of energy savings) through our energy education outreach efforts.

My organization is a strong supporter of Tucson Electric Power Company's energy efficiency programs, and we encourage you to approve the energy efficiency plan. I also strongly support Judge Rodda's recommended opinion and order, as well as the energy efficiency plan before you at the upcoming September open meeting. This plan provides important opportunities to help ratepayers reduce energy costs and will undoubtedly create jobs in Tucson and help our Arizona environment.

This plan has undergone almost two years of careful consideration and has the overwhelming support of the Tucson community. Delaying it further will only hurt Tucson's ratepayers and local economy.

Sincerely,

*Neil Markowitz*

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Executive Director, E3