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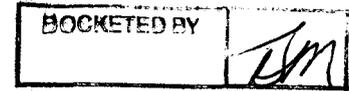
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RE: Docket Nos. E-01345A-10-0394, E-01345A-12-0290, E-01933A-12-0296,
and E-04204A-12-0297

Dear Chairman and Fellow Commissioners:

In my letter of March 8, 2013 in the dockets referenced above¹, I noted:

“In Decision No 73636, issued January 13, 2013 the Commission ordered Arizona Public Service to convene a multi session technical conference to evaluate the costs and benefits of Distributed Renewable Energy and Net Metering as proposed in the APS Comments to Staff’s Recommended Opinion and Order that were docketed on November 15, 2012, and as recommended by Staff in Finding of Fact No. 41².”

An abundance of materials relevant to the subject matter of the ongoing technical conference has been posted on the APS technical conference website, www.solarfuturearizona.com. It is clear that the issues being addressed in the technical conference are matters of great public interest. This is reflected by the volume of materials assembled and active participation in the conference, as well as statements and opinions expressed in the news media. Although I appreciate the efforts put forth by the parties and interested stakeholders concerning the technical conference, I think a more formal evaluation of costs and benefits of distributed renewable energy and net metering could also be helpful to the Commission in its consideration of these significant public policy matters, including resource plans.³

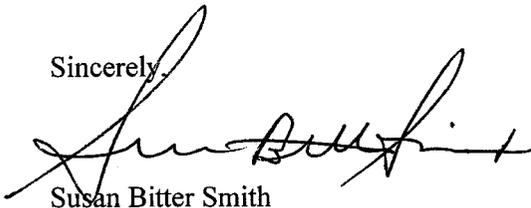
I have been considering whether the Commission should hold a formal evidentiary proceeding to further address the issues. These formal proceedings could be held after the technical conference is concluded and before any final conclusions are reached. I am very interested in the views of my fellow Commissioners on holding future formal evidentiary proceedings. Therefore, I plan to request that this be placed on the Commission’s forthcoming Staff Open Meeting so that we may discuss and consider how the Commission should best proceed to ensure a full and thoughtful consideration of relevant matters.

¹ <http://images.edocket.azcc.gov/docketpdf/0000143307.pdf>

² On February 22, 2013 APS filed a Supplemental Request for an Order Nunc pro Tunc to include a reference to Finding of Fact 42 in Decision 73636. <http://images.edocket.azcc.gov/docketpdf/0000142522.pdf>

³ A common theme of comments in the May 1, 2013 Open Meeting on Integrated Resource Plans (Docket no. E-00000A-11-0113) was that suggestion that the Commission provide more policy direction regarding regulated utilities resource planning.

Sincerely,



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