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Re: Tucson Electric Power Company's Rate Application, E-01933A-12-0291

Dear Chairman Pierce and Commissioners,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on Tucson Electric Power Company's (TEP) Rate Application.

I am a rate payer of over thirty years. I understand that rates do need to be adjusted periodically and that a portion of my bill goes to energy efficiency programs. I am very much in favor of the programs supported by TEP. I would like to see these programs back in operation and available to myself and fellow ratepayer for our participation.

I do not understand why these programs lost your backing, but I do hope that you will reconsider now. I can tell you that it was my youngest participating in a TEP school program in her Middle school that first got my families attention to things that we could do in our home to make a difference in how we used our energy resources and the dollar savings that we truly have seen from it. As we have continued to learn more about energy efficiency and the difference it can make the more we want to be able to participate in these different programs to do it right and let's be honest saving money is very important these days.

Yes I am a happy ratepayer saving my money now today. It is a result of that school program and I know I need to do more. So beyond today I hope that you would consider the larger picture. Long term energy saving. Remember in the early 70's when the recycling campaigns came out and then the slogan of reduce, reuse, recycle. Look where we are today. In Tucson we have our own "Beat the Peak" that has challenged us over the years and done a great job helping us with water conservation. Slow but steady gets the job done not stop and go.

If there are steps we can take now to help insure our recourses will be there for us in the future when we need them then we should be taking those steps.

Think of the people who have been affected just recently from the storms. Of course these are acts of nature but they do illustrate the desperate reality of no resources. The use their resources efficiently should make them more available to them in the aftermath. I was 16 and living in Patagonia, a small town just 65 miles south of Tucson; I was responsible for my Mother's in home dialysis. She needed treatment for 6 hours a day 3 times a week. It the summer it was very difficult to avoid a monsoon storm and the power going out. There was no generator just me and the hand crank to pump the 1/3 of her blood back into her body that was in the machine. The power was never out for just a few minutes but for hours. The blood thinning medication during her treatment meant it was going to be hard to stop the bleeding once she was off the machine, she had be position a special way not to get air to the heart and the crank was purposely hard. It was scary.

Being without our recourses is scary and unnecessary when we can continue to work toward using them efficiently. We need to stay steady and on track. I hope that you will vote in favor of these programs and build a good foundation for those who come after you.

I thank you very much for your time and considerations of my request.

Sincerely yours,

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