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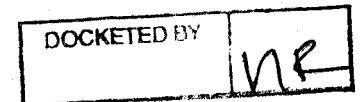
Advancing a Sustainable Economy

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Attention:
Chairman Bob Stump
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The Green Chamber of Greater Phoenix is committed to advancing sustainable and diverse economic development in Arizona. Our membership includes small privately-owned to large publically-owned companies, as well as individual contractors, entrepreneurs and experienced policy analysts, all of whom provide the Green Chamber with a wealth of knowledge from every perspectives regarding energy and sustainable development.

We support the Arizona Corporation Commission as you begin your careful review, evaluation and consideration of such daunting energy regulatory matters as those of Net Metering and Deregulation. The Green Chamber is proud to have as members a vast array of solar companies, as well as utility providers APS, SRP, and Southwest Gas; and we would like to offer our industry expertise and educational services to the ACC.

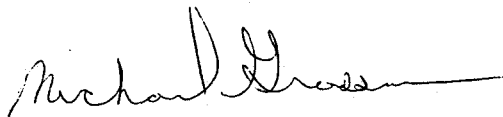
Our members recognize the challenges faced by the Commissioners in their constitutional duty of assuring that energy is consistently available and reliably provided to all Arizona residents at rates that are just and reasonable, while maintaining the public service providers' opportunity to earn a fair and reasonable profit. However, just as the great recession recently showed Arizonans that a diverse economic market is necessary to sustain job growth and revenue in a sluggish economy; having a diverse energy portfolio is equally vital in securing Arizona's competitive position in the global economy by preserving our natural resources, improving our energy sustainability, and stimulating local growth, investment, and prosperity.

Arizona is only beginning to diversify its energy portfolio. While we rely heavily on traditional fuels to meet our energy needs, over the last several years we have seen a great deal of growth in the renewable energy sector thanks to the ACC and Governor Brewer. That growth equates to more business opportunities in Arizona, expanded job creation, new investments in real estate, and a greater ripple effect throughout the State's economy.

There is no question that public service providers are essential in assuring Arizona's energy needs are met reliably and consistently; but the renewable energy industry, especially solar, has proven to be a formidable source of energy and jobs for this great State as well. The renewable energy industry will continue to blossom, thereby strengthening Arizona's competitive edge in the global market, as long as the ACC continues to ensure it is a part of the State's energy portfolio. It is the hope of the Green Chamber that the ACC will be able to successfully find that delicate balance of making the rates just and reasonable while encouraging job and economic growth through the promotion of the renewable energy industry.

As the Net Metering and Deregulation discussions progress, we hope you will look the Green Chamber as a valuable resource for industry knowledge. We appreciate your due diligence and your desire to make informed decisions on these two very delicate issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michael Grossman", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Michael Grossman
Chairman of the Board
The Green Chamber of Greater Phoenix