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To: The Arizona Corporation Commission  
From: The Arizona Interfaith Power & Light  
Re: Retail Electric Competition

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On behalf of Arizona Interfaith Power & Light—a religious response to climate change—we want to express our deep concern regarding retail electric competition. Our two biggest concerns include the impact of deregulation on the poor and on our environment.

As a faith-based organization made up of Christians, Jews, Muslims and Buddhists, we have a special concern for the poor and low income residents of Arizona. We urge the Arizona Corporation Commission to consider the energy needs of the most vulnerable among us, who are challenged to pay for their electricity usage. Our initial investigation suggests rate payers, and in particular, low income rate payers will be harmed substantially by increased costs associated with retail competition. AZIPL appreciates that the current system has policies and programs in place to ensure that low-income and elderly customers receive affordable electricity service. Examples include bill assistance, rate discounts, targeted energy efficiency and weatherization programs, and protections against disconnections during extreme weather events.

We also have a concern about being good stewards of the earth and the resources God has given. We have a strong commitment to programs of energy efficiency and renewable energy. We believe that the full cost of dirty sources of energy to our health and our environment must be taken into account as we look at the costs of energy production and use.

If the Commission decides to move forward with electric competition, it must fully address and account for the following:

- Affordable, reliable electricity is a basic necessity of life, and adequate protections must be in place to ensure that residential customers, especially the most vulnerable among us, have access to affordable electricity, receive fair treatment, and are not left with the highest cost options.
- Energy efficiency, the least expensive energy efficiency resource available, must be fully supported and pursued.
- Renewable energy should be fully supported and pursued.

Sincerely,  
*Sarah Stadler-Ammon*  
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AZIPL Board President

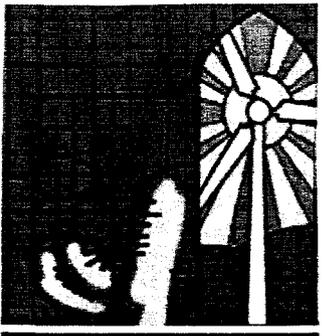
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**Our Mission**  
To mobilize people of faith in Arizona to reduce the causes of global climate change through education, advocacy, action and prayer.

**Our Vision**  
To end human-caused global climate change and achieve a balanced and harmonious relationship with all Creation.