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LADIES AND GENTLEMEN OF THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION;

The purpose of this letter is to express opposition to deregulation of utility rates under your jurisdiction in the state of Arizona. Not only could deregulation open doors to indiscriminate rate increases but choosing suppliers would be difficult, burdensome and maybe even impossible for many among us.

Electricity in our homes and work places is a public service; a necessity for our wellbeing. It only makes sense that there be some type of monitoring of the suppliers. Rate increases fall most heavily on the poor, elderly and the middle class.

Why not leave things the way they are where competent elected commissioners can keep rates reasonable and at the same time provide profits for the suppliers of the service.

Thank you for your time.

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Dear Ethel,

I received the letter that you sent to me and would like to thank you for sharing your concerns about deregulation with me. The Commission currently has a generic docket open for this issue. This is indeed an important and serious issue for the Commission. Please know that I will weigh all of the evidence carefully.

Your letter will be made a part of the public record. You can track the case's activity by visiting the Commission's eDocket website, <http://edocket.azcc.gov/edocket/> and entering the docket number E-00000W-13-0135.

Thank you for being part of this important process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Susan Bitter Smith", written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive.

Susan Bitter Smith
Commissioner