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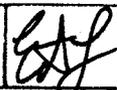
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Chairman Bob Stump and Members
Arizona Corporation Commission
1200 West Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Re: **Docket No. ~~E-000006-11-0328~~ E-01345A-13-0069**
Inquiry into Smart Meters
APS Fees for Opting Out of Smart Meters

Dear Chairman Stump and Members of the Commission:

As members of the Jerome Town Council, we are writing to express our concerns, and those of many of our residents, regarding the pending application by APS to impose certain fees upon customers who choose to "opt out" of the Smart Meter installation program.

Many concerns have been expressed about the meters themselves, including: negative health and safety impacts which may result from the constant electromagnetic transmissions generated by the Smart Meters; a loss of privacy resulting from the transmission of such comprehensive data (including the possibility that the system could be "hacked"); the potential loss of service due to malfunctioning equipment; and the possibility that the meters could pose a fire hazard, especially given the age, historic status, condition and close proximity of homes here in Jerome.

We commend the Commission for undertaking a more thorough review of the potential adverse impacts of these meters, and we feel that, until such time as ALL potential impacts to consumers are fully evaluated and understood, it would not be appropriate to adopt any new fee structure for APS which would subject customers to significant economic penalties if they are not comfortable with the

use of this new technology in their homes and businesses. To do so at this time would be premature, as further studies on health and safety are needed in order to protect consumers and their families from potential risks.

As such, we are formally requesting that the Commission deny ANY "opt out" fees for APS with respect to their Smart Meter installation program.

We trust that you will continue to meet your Constitutional obligation to make and enforce reasonable rules and regulations "for the convenience, comfort and safety, and the preservation of the health," of the utility's customers, and that you will keep these standards in mind when considering this rate increase.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Nikki Check, Mayor



Lew Currier, Vice Mayor



Anne Bassett, Councilmember



Bill Phinney, Councilmember



Randall Hunt, Councilmember