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Subject: Docket No E-0000XX-13-0214, Please Oppose Rollbacks and Revisions to the Energy Efficiency Standard

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Dear Chairman Stump and Commissioners:

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As an APS customer both in my home and the congregation where I am Pastor, I urge you to oppose the elimination of Arizona's Energy Efficiency Standards and any reopening of Arizona's Energy Efficiency Rules. These Standards are working to lower utility bills for me and my neighbors and make Arizona an affordable place to live and work.

I am also writing on behalf of the Arizona Interfaith Power & Light---a religious response to climate change. Our 33 member congregations---Christian, Muslim and Jewish-- are very concerned about the proposal to eliminate Arizona's energy efficiency standards as well as the short time frame within which we have to comment. First, we ask that you extend the comment period on the proposal to eliminate the standards. Second, we ask that you leave the standards intact.

We urge you to continue supporting energy efficiency programs and policies through our Energy Efficiency Standard. These efficiency programs create jobs in our communities and help our economy overall by keeping more of our energy dollars here in Arizona. Because they save energy and reduce demand for electricity, they drive down energy costs for everyone.

The EES has helped residents throughout Arizona reduce their electricity bills through installation of efficient lighting and more efficient air conditioners and by helping to repair leaky ductwork, among many other things. Under the standard, Arizona's top two investor-owned utilities have increased the number of programs offered and, combined, have saved \$928 million in net economic benefits since 2008 through lower utility bills, reduced air pollution, and saved water. A Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory analysis found that the EES will produce cumulative savings exceeding 6,800 GWh by 2020 and \$9 billion in bill savings for Arizona customers by 2030.

Because of these significant benefits, we urge you to oppose weakening or rolling back of Arizona's energy efficiency goals and to also oppose any reopening or revision of the EES. The EES has been a great success story for our state. Please keep it on track to provide benefits to us and to our communities well into the future.

Sincerely,

