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Re: Docket No E-00000XX-13-0214

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To whom it may concern:

I wish to express my disapproval of the recent proposal to remove the energy efficiency standards put into place in 2010. As an APS customer on a very tight budget, the energy efficiency standards have allowed me to make wise decisions in my household at an affordable cost to myself. From refrigerator replacement to new light bulb installation to my church's recent purchase of 5 new energy efficient A/C units, the subsidies and rebates offered via this program have allowed me to save money both with up-front purchase costs and long term via energy consumption. It is concerning that the people who will most negatively be affected by this proposal are those in a similar situation to mine: people living in slight to severe poverty.

As we all know, improving energy efficiency is simply the most cost effective way to alleviate increased energy demand; the current standards and funding via rebates and slight subsidies for more energy efficient projects have made this possible for the average consumer. The standard put into place in 2010 has proven effective and successful to this point, and thus it is shocking and concerning that the Corporation Commission is considering ending it. It is surprisingly common that the Commission has cried, "unaffordable!" or "too expensive!" or even "unnecessary!" when considering any legislation that proposes to make Arizona a cleaner, less polluted state in which to live.

The simple truth is, expensive or not, these programs are working. As was reported in the Arizona Republic in a November 14, 2014 article penned by Ryan Randazzo, in the six months from January to June of 2014, 3,848 rebates were cashed in to buy more efficient A/C units. That is 3,848 more households, churches, and businesses taking advantage of this legislation to lower costs and apply those savings to increased wages or employment opportunities, and even increased spending money poured back into the local economy. Jim Wontor, the energy efficiency manager of APS said, "Everything in our [efficiency] plan does pass the benefit-cost test", which, obviously is what the recent concern claims to be chiefly about: not overspending ratepayer money on efficiency standards. The astonishing truth is, this program has thus far cost APS about \$22 million this year, and will go on to save the utility an estimated \$66 million over the lifespan of materials purchased via subsidy and rebate. Statistics indicate that by all accounts, energy efficiency proves profitable for all involved, and the current requirements have played a large role in the growth of energy efficiency in Arizona, raising our status to being #15 in the entire United States for energy efficiency.

Please, please vote no on the proposal to abolish the Energy Efficiency Standards. They play such a necessary, positive role in our state moving forward towards a cleaner environment and a more profitable, less expensive energy future.

Sincerely,  
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