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Gentlemen,

I fully appreciate the complexities of the SSVEC rate case tomorrow in Tucson.

I would like to offer a perspective that is often overlooked: **energy and water are inextricably linked.**

As you may know, the level of water in Lake Mead is significantly down from historic levels. The Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) (www.usbr.gov) as part of their management of the upper and lower Colorado River basin, set a threshold of 1075 feet MSL as a trigger point for curtailing water to Arizona and other states. As you probably also know Arizona was a "late comer" to the negotiations table when the Central Arizona Project (CAP) wanted to join. Needless to say, the existing participants to water rights extracted a substantial price for CAP to become a member of the Colorado River Basin.

As of yesterday, the BOR reported the Lake Mead level as 1074.96 feet MSL. In theory by agreement, the reduction of acre-feet (AF) of water to Arizona is 320,000 while that of Nevada is 13,000 AF. Already, the BOR data shows a slight reduction in release of water at the Hoover dam. FYI, should the lake level drop to 1050 feet MSL, Arizona's reduction is an additional 400,000 AF and Nevada's if 17,000 AF.

I certainly don't mean to be an alarmist but the energy - water nexus is real, especially onerous, when it comes to Arizona. On top of that, Arizona has the competitive advantage of being one of the leading states in the USA when it comes to solar energy production. Production that does NOT need water when creating electricity. I would be remiss if I didn't say squandering that competitive advantage would have very long term adverse consequences to this state.

I truly hope the ACC takes a long term look at the pending SSVEC rate case. Serving the "public interest" of Arizona residents is a mission of your body.

Thank you,

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