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To: Arizona Corporation Commission
From: Ventana Medical Systems, Inc., a Member of the Roche Group
Re: Electric/Renewable Energy Agreement, Docket #E-01933A-17-0004
Date: March 2nd, 2017

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ARIZONA CORP COMMISSION
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Dear Chairman Forese and Fellow Commissioners,

I am writing on behalf of Ventana Medical Systems, Inc. (Ventana), a member of the Roche Group, in support of our request to participate in the Tucson Electric Power Company (TEP) renewable energy program (Docket #E-01933A-17-0004). If approved, the agreement would allow Ventana to move 100% of our annual usage of nearly 14 million kilowatt/hours to renewable energy. This agreement affirms our continued commitment to the community and our alignment with the shared sustainability values the State of Arizona is striving to achieve, with a goal of 15 percent of its **energy** obtained from **renewable** resources by 2025.

Ventana locally manufactures more than 250 cancer tests with related instruments for delivery to over 90 countries to improve outcomes for the 14 million people diagnosed with cancer annually. With more than 1,300 employees, Ventana is unique in that we develop and manufacture instruments and tests locally.

Our procedures in safety, health and environmental protection are embedded throughout our operations. They are important components of our sustainability goals, and our high standards in this area are built on a solid foundation of prevention. We continually improve site infrastructure, enhance efficiency and reduce environmental impact while expanding our business. As part of our commitment to sustainable development, it is our responsibility to utilize more efficient technologies and processes, minimizing our impact on the environment from energy demands.

We started a review of our campus in 2015 aimed at utilizing renewable resources by asking the question, "What would it take to move toward 100% renewable energy for our electricity usage?" Today, approximately 65% of the energy used in our operations comes from electricity mainly derived from fossil fuels. We evaluated multiple renewable energy options and in 2016, determined that aligning with TEP would be the best opportunity to support our long-standing commitment to sustainability.

As a member of the Roche Group, our emphasis on sustainability allows us to expand our business while supporting numerous initiatives for people and the environment. In January 2017, Roche Chairman Dr. Christoph Franz in Davos signed the World Economic Forum's "Compact for Responsive and Responsible Leadership" (see attachment). This demonstrates to our investors and customers our strong commitment to conduct business in a sustainable manner with a view toward long-term success for society.

We respectfully seek approval of this request to participate in the TEP renewable energy program to further embed and align our values with the people and government of Arizona. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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