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Coconino County Board of Supervisors
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Re: Environmental Portfolio Standard Rules;
Docket Nos. RE-00000C-00-0377 and RE-00000C-05-0030

Dear Supervisors:

I am writing this letter to voice my support for the Sunshine Wind Energy Park. I understand that the conditional-use permit for the 60-megawatt wind farm was unanimously approved by the county planning and zoning commission. I ask that the Board of Supervisors support this project.

As you know, a number of years ago the Arizona Corporation Commission passed the Environmental Portfolio Standard ("EPS"). We were the first state in the United States to require electric utilities to derive a percentage of the total retail energy that they sell from renewable technologies such as solar, wind, or biomass. Last year, the Commission voted to approve the continuation of the annual increases that will culminate in a renewable portfolio requirement of 1.1% by 2007.

Subsequent to that decision, the Commission held a series of workshops to determine whether to further increase the total portfolio requirement, to increase the funding level, to extend the term of the requirement, to restore funding for demand-side management, and to change the portfolio structure. Commission Staff recently released its report on the proposed changes to the EPS. In its report Staff has recommended that the EPS be increased to 5% by 2015 and to 15% by 2025.

As the costs of fossils fuels continue to rise, power generated by renewable means, such as wind, solar, biomass, and geothermal, continues to become more competitive. The benefits of cultivating these industries in Arizona are many – cleaner air, increased reliability, decreased dependence on fossil fuels, and economic development. I urge the Coconino Board of Supervisors to support the proposed wind farm.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,

William A. Mundell, Commissioner
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