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It is my understanding that the State of Arizona is considering raising the standard whereby public utilities are required to provide a higher percentage of their energy production through the use of renewable energy sources and/or more efficient use of conventional sources.

I encourage you and the State of Arizona to increase the standard from the existing approximately 1% required - to 10-20% over the next few years. This increased standard should encourage the use of not only solar energy, but also biomass, fuel cells, wind, etc., etc..

Arizona's dismal standing in comparison to other states, in terms of providing education, health care, properly maintained public highways, police services, etc. are indications of the lack of leadership and commitment to improving our State. Arizona should take this opportunity to lead, rather than to follow. We have a duty to ourselves, our neighbors and future generations of Arizonans to make tough choices now.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best Regards,

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