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Commissioners to Explore Reducing Electrical System Peak Demand Consumer Costs

(Phoenix) Corporation Commissioners Andy Tobin and Bob Stump will be participating in an extensive legislative workshop on reducing the costs associated with electrical system peak demand.

The workshop takes place August 4th at 9:00 a.m. in the Arizona House Hearing Room 1 of the Arizona State Capitol Building. The workshop will include legislators, commissioners, and the top consumer advocate in the state, the Residential Utility Consumer Office, to explore in-depth how Arizona can tackle peak demand which is the most expensive energy to generate. The workshop is being conducted in a collaboration with State Representative Frank Pratt.

“In the midst of truly amazing developments in energy storage and other cutting-edge technology solutions that empower Arizonans to take control of their energy footprint, the time is ripe to pause and make certain that facts, not fiction, will be openly and publically discussed giving state leaders an unobstructed view of the energy issues of the day,” said Pratt. “I am honored to start that discussion here at the Capitol.”

The workshop will feature a series of panels with representatives from major utilities, solar, energy storage, and other innovative technologies along with consumer advocates who will explore approaches to reducing peak demand through rate design, education and technology.

“Everyone knows that the most significant cost drivers for Arizona electric utilities today is the generation capacity required to meet system peak demand in the evening hours of the day during 4-5 months out of the year,” said Commissioner Andy Tobin. “These hours and months add extraordinary cost to ratepayers. This workshop is the deep-dive we all need to consider a peak demand strategy that will benefit customers all around the state.”

“Reducing peak demand requires a multi-tiered approach,” said Commissioner Bob Stump. “When we can take steps to explore those approaches with the public, we will all have a better understanding of peak demand reduction and how to take control of our own energy costs.”

The workshop is open to the public and will be broadcast live on Arizona Capitol Television Channel 123 on Cox and on Comcast and through websites of both the Commission and Arizona State Legislature at <http://www.azleg.gov/>. <http://www.azcc.gov/>. A docket has been opened and materials filed can be viewed at the Commission’s website in eDocket. The docket number is 16-0257.

