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## ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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### Corporation Commission and Chairwoman Mayes Receive Leadership Award for Energy Efficiency Standard

PHOENIX— The Arizona Corporation Commission and Chairwoman Kris Mayes today received the 2010 Leadership in Energy Efficiency Award from The Southwest Energy Efficiency Project (SWEET). The awards are given annually to individuals or organizations who demonstrate a strong commitment to advancing energy efficiency in the Southwest.

“The Commission is honored to receive the SWEET Leadership award for energy efficiency,” **Chairwoman Kris Mayes** said. “We believe very strongly that the Energy Efficiency Standards will save Arizona ratepayers billions of dollars, preserve our state’s water supplies, and create jobs in this tough economy. It makes sense for our state and our region.”

In July 2010, the Commission adopted an ambitious electric Energy Efficiency Resource Standard (EERS) to save 22 percent energy by 2020. Under the standard, Arizona utilities are now required to reach 20 percent cumulative annual energy savings by 2020, and it includes a credit for demand response of up to 2 percent. The programs will achieve 2 percent annual energy savings beginning in 2013— twice what many leading efficiency states are achieving now.

Then, in August this year, the Commission approved a Gas Energy Efficiency Standard designed to achieve 6 percent energy savings in 2020, at least three-fourths of which must be achieved through energy efficiency programs.

“I am proud of the hard work and research that led to our adoption of the 22 percent Electric Energy Efficiency standard,” said **Commissioner Sandra Kennedy**. “It is evident that our EE standards make Arizona a leader when it comes to providing real and measurable methods for our ratepayers to save energy and money.”

“I appreciate the leadership of Chairman Mayes and the hard work of staff and SWEET to make this happen,” said **Commissioner Paul Newman**. “The bottom line is that Arizonans will save an estimated \$9 billion on energy bills over the next 20 years, with less pollution and less water use. Arizona imports all its natural gas and two-thirds of its coal, sending billions every year out of state. High energy efficiency requirements mean more local jobs and cleaner air.”

This year’s awards were presented at the Southwest Regional Energy Efficiency Workshop organized by SWEET and held in Las Vegas, Nevada. SWEET is a public interest organization dedicated to advancing energy efficiency throughout the western United States.

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