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Commission Approves Measures to Promote Energy Conservation

Phoenix, AZ—During its regularly scheduled open meeting, the Arizona Corporation Commission approved two measures that will enhance energy conservation efforts in Arizona through promoting the use of compact fluorescent bulbs and solar energy for a major Arizona food manufacturing plant. The measures each passed by a vote of four to one, with Chairman Mike Gleason dissenting in both cases.

“By passing these orders, we are again taking concrete steps to combat global warming. We are not just talking about it, we are aggressively attacking it,” said Commissioner Bill Mundell.

“It’s great to see the results of the Arizona Corporation Commission’s work to improve energy efficiency and incentivize new sources of electricity,” said Commissioner Jeff Hatch-Miller. “APS’ compact fluorescent light bulb program is a huge success; Frito-Lay is investing in Arizona’s energy future. Everybody wins!”

The first measure orders APS to reallocate \$390,000 of its Consumer Products Program to encourage greater use of energy-saving compact fluorescent bulbs. Through the program, APS partners with local retailers such as Bashas’ grocery store, Home Depot, Ace Hardware, AJ’s, Costco, Wal-Mart, and True Value hardware stores to offer lower prices on the bulbs. To date, the program has resulted in 994,000 megawatt hour savings, and has resulted in the reduction of 4,274 pounds of sulfur oxide from being emitted, 170,977 pounds of nitrogen oxide from being emitted, 911,545,684 pounds of carbon dioxide from being emitted and has saved more than 231 million gallons of water. This additional funding is expected to result in an additional 390,000 bulbs being sold. The Consumer Products Program was put in place to help residential and small business customers purchase Energy Star qualifying lighting and appliances.

“The Compact Fluorescent Light bulb program is one of the easiest ways for APS customers to save money on their electric bills while at the same time providing tremendous environmental benefits,” said Commissioner Kris Mayes. “Once again, the Corporation Commission, in partnership with Arizona consumers, has proven itself to be a leader in reducing greenhouse gas emissions.”

“I’m happy to see that people are showing an interest and taking control over their own power costs by purchasing compact fluorescent light bulbs,” said Commissioner Gary Pierce. “As I travel around the state I’ve noticed that the cost of these bulbs have declined two or three fold in the past several years.”

“I voted ‘no’ on funding for the compact fluorescent lamp proposal because there are other components that could be equally effective without sending ratepayer dollars to China,” said Chairman Mike Gleason.

The Commission also approved an electric supply agreement between APS and Frito-Lay. The agreement was necessary so that Frito-Lay can connect its new, \$1.2 million 168 kilowatt (kW) Solar System onto the APS grid. Currently, only projects that are smaller than 100 kW can connect to APS’ grid. With this project, Frito-Lay will be generating most, if not all, of their power needs at their Phoenix manufacturing plant with solar electricity. Passage of this order will allow Frito-Lay to “turn-on” the system, which is expected to occur later today.

“I support the commission’s approval of APS’ electric supply agreement with Frito-Lay and I will be looking for more similarly-sized distributed generation facilities throughout Arizona,” said Pierce. “In this case, it’s gratifying to see that the sun will actually bake my ‘Baked Lays’ chips.”

“Frito-Lay is taking the lead among Arizona businesses in harnessing solar energy to power its business. Frito-Lay’s system means that SunChips actually will be made utilizing the sun,” said Mayes.

“Frito-Lay’s commitment to promoting renewable sources of energy is commendable. As rising fossil fuel prices drive the cost of electricity upward, it is vital that Arizona look to alternative sources of energy,” said Mundell.

“The reason Frito-Lay can do this uneconomical project is the \$89,000 annual subsidy funded with ratepayer dollars. I had to vote ‘no’,” said Gleason

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