



ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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Commission News Briefs

Commission Approves Railroad Crossing Improvement

(Phoenix) The Arizona Corporation Commission approved a safety upgrade for a Greenlee County railroad crossing. The crossing is located in Duncan at State Route 75 at mile post 379. Nearly 3,000 vehicles use that crossing each day and school buses cross 32 times each day.

The upgrades, which will be paid for through Federal Highway Administration grants, will include replacing existing automatic warning devices, upgrades to gates and a cantilever, and addition of LED lights.

Commission Approves Renewable Energy Standard Tariff for Cooperatives

(Phoenix) The Arizona Corporation Commission approved the 2017 Arizona Renewable Energy Standard Tariff (REST) plans for 3 member-owned electric cooperatives. Duncan Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc., Navopache Electric Cooperative, Inc., and Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc., filed their 2017 REST applications before the Commission. All the cooperatives have programs which promote renewable energy and may include incentives for customers with solar or wind systems. A bill surcharge pays for the programs. The Commission approved the above cooperatives 2017 plans, which continue the current programs in place with no increases in surcharges or any other costs to the members.

In 2006, the Arizona Corporation Commission established a requirement that 15 percent of retail energy sales from ACC regulated electric utilities come from renewable energy resources by the year 2025. Electric power Cooperatives are exempt from that requirement but still must show progress in renewable energy generation before the Commission.

Established by Article 15 of the state's constitution, the Arizona Corporation Commission is responsible for the regulation of public utilities, overseeing the incorporation or registration of companies wishing to do business in Arizona. Additionally, the Corporation Commission registers and oversees securities offerings and dealers, and enforces railroad and pipeline safety. The five commissioners that make up the Commission are elected by the people of Arizona for a four-year term, with the option of serving for two consecutive terms. To learn more about the Arizona Corporation Commission and the Commissioners, please check out <http://www.azcc.gov/Divisions/Administration/about.asp>

