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Arizona's Energy Efficiency Standard Recognized By American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy *State Named Most-improved for its Commitment to Energy Savings*

PHOENIX—At its annual conference in Washington DC today, the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy (ACEEE) recognized Arizona as the state that has taken the greatest strides toward an energy efficient future. Arizona moved up 11 places in the ranking to now be listed as 18th in the nation for energy efficiency. This designation was awarded largely due to the Commission's actions this year to implement efficiency standards for both electric and gas utilities in the state.

"It's wonderful to see Arizona receive national recognition for the groundbreaking 22 percent by 2020 Energy Efficiency Standard established this year by the Commission," said **Chairman Kris Mayes**. "It's even better to know that these energy efficiency efforts are going to save our state's ratepayers billions of dollars, help clean up our air, create jobs and bolster our energy security." She added, "Make no mistake though -- we aren't going to be satisfied with 18th place. Arizona intends to lead the nation when it comes to energy efficiency."

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.

Each year, ACEEE undertakes a comprehensive analysis of energy efficiency policies across the U.S. and releases a State Energy Efficiency Scorecard. The 2010 Scorecard ranked each of the fifty states by their policies and programs to improve energy efficiency and highlights best practices and state leaders and outlines a roadmap for other states to follow. States are evaluated in six policy areas and are awarded up to fifty points. The six areas include: utility and public benefit programs and policies, transportation policies, building energy codes, combined heat and power, state government initiatives, and appliance efficiency standards.

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