BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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In the matter of possible modification to the AZ Corporation Commission’s Energy Rules.

Docket No. RU-0000A-18-0284, increase the Renewable Energy Standard

Dear Commissioners:

As faith leaders in Arizona, we urge you to increase our state’s outdated renewable energy rule immediately. Our children’s future depends on decisive action to reduce carbon pollution and to begin taking full advantage of Arizona’s abundant sunshine. We ask you to increase Arizona’s current outdated 15% Renewable Energy Standard and Tariff (REST) to at least 50% by 2030.

We believe that we share a sacred responsibility to be thoughtful stewards of Creation. As leaders in this community, we, like you, are charged to consider the larger, moral implications of our actions. The climate crisis, caused by the burning of fossil fuels, is a moral issue that requires immediate action and transcends all divisions.

Besides that, moving to solar and wind generation, makes good economic sense. Renewable energy technologies are already competitive with fossil fuels.

As people of faith and conscience, the ultimate question is “What kind of a world do we want to leave to those who come after us?” This is the place and time for community leaders here in Arizona to take a stand, kick our addiction to fossil fuels and make a bold move to clean, renewable energy. Please vote for a renewable energy standard of at least 50% by 2030.

Sincerely,

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