



# CITY OF FLAGSTAFF

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Dear (Representative Griffin/ Senator Kerr),

The City of Flagstaff is invested in supporting policies that enable Arizona's clean energy future. Accordingly, the City opposes (House Bill 2248 | Senate Bill 1175), which aims to bar the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) from adopting or enforcing a policy, decision or rule that directly or indirectly regulates the types of critical electric generation used or acquired by public service corporations within this state's energy grid.

The City views (House Bill 2248 | Senate Bill 1175) as problematic for several reasons. The ACC has passed energy rules for decades, using a thorough public comment process and months of analysis to implement and pass rules. Moving this process to the Arizona legislature would remove Arizona's robust ability to provide feedback and input in the process. Additionally, the energy rules in front of the ACC have been part of a thoughtful multi-month process that has taken into consideration the health, economic, and environmental impacts. The detailed, deliberate process for complicated energy rules is not appropriate for the narrowed timeline of the Arizona legislature.

Apart from a need for thorough public involvement and analysis, the Flagstaff City Council's concerns also relate to the potential impact of (House Bill 2248 | Senate Bill 1175) on Arizona's environment. Responding to demand from Flagstaff residents, the Flagstaff City Council has taken bold steps to address and reverse the effects of climate change in the Flagstaff community and has specifically declared a Climate Emergency on June 23 of 2020, stating that the community of Flagstaff would achieve carbon neutrality by the year 2030. The energy rules passed by the Arizona Corporation Commission in November of 2020 are a critical step in achieving this goal.

Overall, the City of Flagstaff is concerned that (House Bill 2248 | Senate Bill 1175) will reduce the ability of clean energy programs to provide extensive economic benefits, reduce water and energy use, limit pollution, and establish a transparent and accountable planning process for utilities.

Thank you for your service to Arizona,

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Mayor of Flagstaff

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