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400 N. 5th Street, MS 8010
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RE: Support for the AZ Grid Resilience Grant Program, Solicitation Number: RFGA-GRID-OOR-091124-00 – Strengthening Arizona’s Grid Using Advanced Resilience Operations (“SAGUARO”)

Dear Mr. Traver,

The Flagstaff City Council is pleased to offer our support for Arizona Public Service Company’s (“APS”) SAGUARO program. The SAGUARO program is being proposed to the State of Arizona Governor’s Office of Resiliency under the Grid Resilience Grant Program, Solicitation Number: RFGA-GRID-OOR-091124-00. Through this proposed program, APS will strengthen Arizona’s electric grid operations against wildfires by upgrading wood poles to steel poles in high fire risk areas, implementing fire mesh to protect critical APS infrastructure, and installing smart cameras with 360-degree viewsheds that will provide greater insights into active wildfire awareness and potential impact to APS operations, all in an expedited two-year timeframe.

Through the support of the State of Arizona’s funding, APS will enhance the resilience and reliability of the grid for approximately 113,000 customers. In addition to reducing potential fire-related outages, particularly in rural communities that are often more vulnerable to extended disruptions, the project will enable faster wildfire detection and provide real-time notifications from the camera software to County Emergency Management, first responders, and other key officials across the State of Arizona, helping mitigate fire risks and safeguard lives and property. It is clear to the Flagstaff City Council that this project will provide economic and quality-of-life enhancing benefits to the people and communities of Arizona.

The Flagstaff City Council hopes that this project is implemented, and thanks the State of Arizona Governor’s Office of Resiliency for the opportunity to support providing APS with funding to bring this important project to life.

Sincerely,

Becky Daggett,
Mayor, City of Flagstaff, on behalf of the Flagstaff City Council