

ACC approval funds APS' renewable energy initiatives

Expands type of renewable energy that qualifies for incentives
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The Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) yesterday approved a plan on how APS will meet the first year, 2008, of the Renewable Energy Standard (RES), which requires Arizona's regulated utilities to gradually increase the amount of renewable energy it provides to customers, eventually reaching 15 percent by 2025. In 2008 APS' requirement is 1.75 percent.

The approval included raising the monthly RES tariff for the average residential customer from 44 cents per month to \$1.32 per month. Small commercial and industrial customers will see their tariff rise from \$16.52 to \$48.84 and large commercial and industrial customers will go up from \$49.57 to \$146.53.

The increased tariff will provide an additional \$13 million to be used to procure renewable energy projects like the Snowflake White Mountain biomass project and the Solana Generating Station. The funds also will be used for APS distributed generation program, where customers receive a financial incentive to add roof-top electric systems and solar water heaters.

"We are pleased with the ACC decision," said **Barbara Lockwood**, Manager, Renewable Energy. "This certainly will help us further our commitment to renewable energy for our customers."

The ACC also agreed to expand the type of renewable energy that qualifies for customer incentives. In addition to solar, customers also can receive money back for adding solar day lighting, wind, biogas projects plus other types of renewable energy projects.

In July APS will file a plan on how it plans to meet the 2009 RES goal.

APS offers a wide range of business and residential rebates and discounts to its customers. [More information](#)