

RESOLUTION OF THE
NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE
23rd NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- Fourth Year, 2018

AN ACTION

RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; REAFFIRMING THE NAVAJO NATION'S SUPPORT OF RESPONSIBLE TRANSITION TO RENEWABLE ENERGY BY OPPOSING "THE CLEAN ENERGY FOR A HEALTHY ARIZONA" INITIATIVE

WHEREAS:

- A. The Navajo Nation established the Naabik'íyáti' Committee as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee and as such empowered Naabik'íyáti' Committee to assist and coordinate all requests for information, appearances and testimony relating to state legislation impacting the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. §§ 164 (A)(9), 700 (A), 701 (A)(4), 701(A)(6) (2015); See also CO-45-12.
- B. The Navajo Nation has a government-to-government relationship with the State of Arizona.
- C. In the State of Arizona, "the legislative authority of the state shall be vested in the legislature, consisting of a senate and a house of representatives, but the people reserve the power to propose laws and amendments to the constitution[.]" Ariz. Const. art. IV, § 1(1).
- D. Under the initiative power of the people, "ten per centum of the qualified electors shall have the right to propose any measure, and fifteen per centum shall have the right to propose any amendment to the constitution." Ariz. Const. art. IV, § 1(2).
- E. For any constitutional amendments to be placed on the 2018 General Election ballot, approximately 225,963 valid signatures must be obtained and provided to the Arizona Secretary of State by July 5, 2018. *Initiative, Referendum and Recall*, Arizona Secretary of State, <https://azsos.gov/elections/initiative-referendum-and-recall>.
- G. On February 20, 2018, the "Clean Energy for a Healthy Arizona" Committee filed an "Application for a Serial Number Initiative Petition," intending to circulate and file an initiative petition for the November 2018 General Election. The application states, "The Clean Energy for a Healthy Arizona Amendment requires affected electric

utilities to provide at least 50% of their annual retail sales of electricity from renewable energy sources by 2030. The Amendment defines renewable energy sources to include solar, wind, small-scale hydropower, and other sources that are replaced rapidly by a natural, ongoing process (excluding nuclear or fossil fuel). Distributed renewable energy sources, like rooftop solar, must comprise at least 10% of utilities' annual retail sales of electricity by 2030. The Amendment allows electric utilities to earn and trade credits to meet these requirements." See Clean Energy for a Healthy Arizona Application for a Serial Number Initiative Petition, attached as **Exhibit A**.

- H. "The Clean Energy for a Healthy Arizona" Committee is currently gathering petition signatures in order for the initiative to be placed on the November 2018 General Election ballot.
- I. The Navajo Nation opposes "The Clean Energy for a Healthy Arizona" Initiative for the following reasons:
 - 1. The proposed amendment may impose a dramatic increase in electricity bills of Arizona residents especially those with low-income and fixed-income. See attached **Exhibit B**. According to the Arizona Public Service Company, approximately 2,295 residential and 516 commercial customers are located in Navajo Nation Western Agency.
 - 2. The proposed amendment will require Arizona utilities to shut down various power plants that have been providing affordable and reliable energy for decades, thereby resulting in a loss of tax revenue and Arizona jobs. The closing of power plants will certainly impact the Four Corners Power Plant and its feeder mine which is owned and operated by the Navajo Transitional Energy Company. The Four Corners Power Plant has been supplying energy to the Arizona Public Service Company for over 50 years. With continued operation over the next 30 years, it will provide more than \$6.3 billion in economic value to the Four Corners region with 70% benefitting the Navajo Nation and Navajo families. The plant and supporting mine have a \$225 million impact on the regional economies and pay more than \$100 million in royalties, taxes, and fees to the Navajo Nation and other governmental entities. It is estimated the Four Corners Power Plant will close in 2025 or sooner, if the initiative is passed. The Four Corners Power Plant employs 659

workers and is composed of an approximate 82% Native American workforce. *Four Corners*, APS, <https://www.aps.com/en/ourcompany/generationtransmission/generation/Pages/four-corners.aspx>.

- J. The Navajo Nation supports a more responsible and realistic transition to renewable energy that will not imperil Navajo jobs, livelihood, and economy. See generally CO-50-13 (Approving the Navajo Nation Energy Policy).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. The Navajo Nation hereby opposes "The Clean Energy for a Healthy Arizona" Initiative for the reasons stated herein.
- B. The Navajo Nation hereby authorizes the President of the Navajo Nation and the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council, and their designees, to advocate the Navajo Nation's opposition to "The Clean Energy for a Healthy Arizona" Initiative.

CERTIFICATION

I, hereby, certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Naabik'iyáti' Committee of the 23rd Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting in Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 11 in Favor, and 02 Opposed, on this 12th day of July 2018.



Jonathan Perry, Pro Tem Chairman
Naabik'iyáti' Committee of the
23rd Navajo Nation Council

7/18/2018

Date

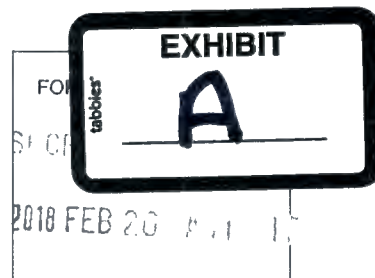
Motioned: Honorable Davis Filfred
Second : Honorable Jonathan Hale

Pro Tem Jonathan Perry not voting



STATE OF ARIZONA

Application for Serial Number
Initiative Petition
A.R.S. § 19-111



The undersigned intends to circulate and file an initiative petition and hereby makes application for the issuance of an official serial number to be printed in the lower right-hand corner of each side of each signature sheet of such petition. Attached hereto is the full title and text, in no less than eight point type, of the measure or constitutional amendment intended to be initiated at the next general election.

☐ Statutory Measure

☒ Constitutional Amendment

Date of Application

2/20/2018

Signatures Required

225,963

Deadline for Filing

July 5, 2018

Serial Number Issued

C-04-2018

The Clean Energy for a Healthy Arizona Amendment requires affected electric utilities to provide at least 50% of their annual retail sales of electricity from renewable energy sources by 2030. The Amendment defines renewable energy sources to include solar, wind, small-scale hydropower, and other sources that are replaced rapidly by a natural, ongoing process (excluding nuclear or fossil fuel). Distributed renewable energy sources, like rooftop solar, must comprise at least 10% of utilities' annual retail sales of electricity by 2030. The Amendment allows electric utilities to earn and trade credits to meet these requirements.

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By submitting this Application for Serial Number and checking all boxes below, I acknowledge the following:



That I have read and understand the accompanying Instructions for Statewide Initiatives, including the Secretary of State's recommended best practices for printing copies of the Statewide Initiative Petition to be circulated.



That at the time of filing, I was provided instructions regarding accurate completion of the electronic Statewide Initiative Petition form.

Applicant Signature

February 20, 2018

Date

Office of the Secretary of State
1700 W. Washington Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

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Official Title

A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
AMENDING ARTICLE XV OF THE CONSTITUTION OF ARIZONA TO REQUIRE ELECTRICITY PROVIDERS TO
GENERATE AT LEAST 50% OF THEIR ANNUAL SALES OF ELECTRICITY FROM RENEWABLE ENERGY
SOURCES

Text of Proposed Amendment

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Arizona:

Section 1. Title.

This Constitutional Amendment shall be known as the "Clean Energy for a Healthy Arizona Amendment."

Section 2. Article XV, Constitution of Arizona, is amended by adding Section 20, as follows:

SECTION 20. RENEWABLE ENERGY REQUIREMENT

A. DEFINITIONS

1. "AFFECTED UTILITY" MEANS A PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION SERVING RETAIL ELECTRIC LOAD IN ARIZONA.

2. "ANNUAL RENEWABLE ENERGY REQUIREMENT" MEANS THE PORTION OF AN AFFECTED UTILITY'S ANNUAL RETAIL ELECTRICITY SALES THAT MUST COME FROM ELIGIBLE RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCES.

3. "CONVENTIONAL ENERGY RESOURCE" MEANS AN ENERGY RESOURCE THAT IS NON-RENEWABLE IN NATURE, SUCH AS NATURAL GAS, COAL, OIL, AND URANIUM, OR ELECTRICITY THAT IS PRODUCED WITH ENERGY RESOURCES THAT ARE NOT RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCES.

4. "RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE" MEANS AN ENERGY RESOURCE THAT IS REPLACED RAPIDLY BY A NATURAL, ONGOING PROCESS AND THAT IS NOT MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE COMBUSTION, TREES LARGER THAN 12 INCHES IN DIAMETER, NUCLEAR OR FOSSIL FUEL.

5. "DISTRIBUTED GENERATION" MEANS ELECTRIC GENERATION SITED AT CUSTOMER PREMISES, PROVIDING ELECTRIC ENERGY TO THE CUSTOMER LOAD ON THAT SITE OR PROVIDING WHOLESALE CAPACITY AND ENERGY DIRECTLY TO THE LOCAL UTILITY DISTRIBUTION COMPANY FOR USE BY MULTIPLE CUSTOMERS IN CONTIGUOUS DISTRIBUTION SUBSTATION SERVICE AREAS. THE GENERATOR SIZE AND TRANSMISSION NEEDS SHALL BE SUCH THAT THE PLANT OR ASSOCIATED TRANSMISSION LINES DO NOT REQUIRE A CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY FROM THE CORPORATION COMMISSION.

6. "DISTRIBUTED RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE" MEANS AN ENERGY RESOURCE FROM DISTRIBUTED GENERATION TECHNOLOGIES INCLUDING BIOGAS ELECTRICITY GENERATORS, BIOMASS ELECTRICITY GENERATORS, GEOTHERMAL GENERATORS, FUEL CELLS THAT USE ONLY RENEWABLE FUELS, NEW HYDROPOWER GENERATORS OF 10 MW OR LESS, SOLAR ELECTRICITY RESOURCES, BIOMASS THERMAL SYSTEMS, BIOGAS THERMAL SYSTEMS, COMMERCIAL SOLAR POOL HEATERS, GEOTHERMAL SPACE HEATING AND PROCESS HEATING SYSTEMS, RENEWABLE COMBINED HEAT AND POWER SYSTEMS, SOLAR DAYLIGHTING, SOLAR HVAC SYSTEMS, SOLAR INDUSTRIAL PROCESS HEATING AND COOLING, SOLAR SPACE COOLING, SOLAR SPACE HEATING, SOLAR WATER HEATING, AND WIND GENERATORS OF 1 MW OR LESS AND THAT IS NOT MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE COMBUSTION, TREES LARGER THAN 12 INCHES IN DIAMETER, NUCLEAR OR FOSSIL FUEL.

7. "DISTRIBUTED RENEWABLE ENERGY REQUIREMENT" MEANS A PORTION OF THE TOTAL ELECTRICITY SALES FOR WHICH AN AFFECTED UTILITY MUST OBTAIN DISTRIBUTED RENEWABLE

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ENERGY CREDITS DERIVED FROM RESOURCES THAT QUALIFY AS DISTRIBUTED RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCES.

8. "RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDIT" MEANS THE UNIT CREATED TO TRACK KWH DERIVED FROM AN ELIGIBLE RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE OR KWH EQUIVALENT OF CONVENTIONAL ENERGY RESOURCES DISPLACED BY DISTRIBUTED RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCES.

9. "DISTRIBUTED RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDIT" MEANS THE UNIT CREATED TO TRACK KWH DERIVED FROM A DISTRIBUTED RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCES OR KWH EQUIVALENT OF CONVENTIONAL ENERGY RESOURCES DISPLACED BY DISTRIBUTED RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCES.

10. "UTILITY DISTRIBUTION COMPANY" MEANS A PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION THAT OPERATES, CONSTRUCTS, OR MAINTAINS A DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM FOR THE DELIVERY OF POWER TO RETAIL CUSTOMERS IN ARIZONA.

B. ELIGIBLE RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCES

1. "ELIGIBLE RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCES" SHALL INCLUDE ELECTRICITY FROM A RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE DELIVERED TO ARIZONA CUSTOMERS THAT IS GENERATED FROM BIOGAS ELECTRICITY GENERATORS, BIOMASS ELECTRICITY GENERATORS, DISTRIBUTED RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCES, ELIGIBLE HYDROPOWER FACILITIES, FUEL CELLS THAT USE ONLY RENEWABLE FUELS, GEOTHERMAL GENERATORS, HYBRID WIND AND SOLAR ELECTRIC GENERATORS, LANDFILL GAS GENERATORS, NEW HYDROPOWER GENERATORS OF 10 MW OR LESS, SOLAR ELECTRICITY RESOURCES, AND WIND GENERATORS.

2. "ELIGIBLE HYDROPOWER FACILITIES" ARE HYDROPOWER GENERATORS THAT WERE IN EXISTENCE PRIOR TO 1997 AND THAT INCREASE CAPACITY DUE TO IMPROVED TECHNOLOGICAL OR OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCIES OR OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS, IN WHICH CASE THE KWH THAT ARE ELIGIBLE TO MEET THE ANNUAL RENEWABLE ENERGY REQUIREMENTS SHALL BE LIMITED TO THE NEW, INCREMENTAL KWH OUTPUT RESULTING FROM THE CAPACITY INCREASE THAT IS DELIVERED TO ARIZONA CUSTOMERS.

3. "NEW HYDROPOWER GENERATOR OF 10 MW OR LESS" IS A GENERATOR, INSTALLED AFTER JANUARY 1, 2006, THAT PRODUCES 10 MW OR LESS AND THAT IS EITHER:

A. A LOW-HEAD, MICRO HYDRO RUN-OF-THE RIVER SYSTEM THAT DOES NOT REQUIRE ANY NEW DAMMING OF THE FLOW OF THE STREAM; OR

B. AN EXISTING DAM THAT ADDS POWER GENERATION EQUIPMENT WITHOUT REQUIRING A NEW DAM, DIVERSION STRUCTURES, OR A CHANGE IN WATER FLOW THAT WILL ADVERSELY IMPACT FISH, WILDLIFE, OR WATER QUALITY; OR

C. GENERATION USING CANALS OR OTHER IRRIGATION SYSTEMS.

4. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION B(2), ELIGIBLE RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCES SHALL NOT INCLUDE FACILITIES INSTALLED BEFORE JANUARY 1, 1997.

C. RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDITS

1. ONE RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDIT SHALL BE CREATED FOR EACH KWH DERIVED FROM AN ELIGIBLE RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE, INCLUDING DISTRIBUTED RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCES. INITIAL OWNERSHIP OF THE RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDIT SHALL BE ASSIGNED TO THE OWNER OF THE ELIGIBLE RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE.

2. ONE DISTRIBUTED RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDIT SHALL ALSO BE CREATED FOR EACH KWH DERIVED FROM A DISTRIBUTED RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE AND EACH 3,415 BRITISH THERMAL

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UNITS OF HEAT PRODUCED BY A SOLAR WATER HEATING SYSTEM, SOLAR INDUSTRIAL PROCESS HEATING AND COOLING SYSTEM, SOLAR SPACE COOLING SYSTEM, BIOMASS THERMAL SYSTEM, BIOGAS THERMAL SYSTEM, OR SOLAR SPACE HEATING SYSTEM. INITIAL OWNERSHIP OF THE DISTRIBUTED RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDIT SHALL BE ASSIGNED TO THE OWNER OF THE DISTRIBUTED RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE.

3. AN OWNER OF A RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDIT OR DISTRIBUTED RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDIT MAY TRANSFER SUCH CREDITS TO ANOTHER PARTY. EXCEPT IN THE CASE OF DISTRIBUTED RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCES, AFFECTED UTILITIES MUST DEMONSTRATE THE DELIVERY OF ENERGY FROM ELIGIBLE RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCES TO THEIR RETAIL CONSUMERS SUCH AS BY PROVIDING PROOF THAT THE NECESSARY TRANSMISSION RIGHTS WERE RESERVED AND UTILIZED TO DELIVER ENERGY FROM ELIGIBLE RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCES TO THE AFFECTED UTILITY'S SYSTEM, IF TRANSMISSION IS REQUIRED, OR THAT THE APPROPRIATE CONTROL AREA OPERATORS SCHEDULED THE ENERGY FROM ELIGIBLE RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCES FOR DELIVERY TO THE AFFECTED UTILITY'S SYSTEM.

D. ANNUAL RENEWABLE ENERGY REQUIREMENT

1. EACH AFFECTED UTILITY SHALL BE REQUIRED TO SATISFY AN ANNUAL RENEWABLE ENERGY REQUIREMENT BY OBTAINING RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDITS FROM ELIGIBLE RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCES.

2. AN AFFECTED UTILITY'S ANNUAL RENEWABLE ENERGY REQUIREMENT SHALL BE CALCULATED EACH CALENDAR YEAR BY APPLYING THE FOLLOWING APPLICABLE ANNUAL PERCENTAGE TO THE RETAIL KWH SOLD BY THE AFFECTED UTILITY DURING THAT CALENDAR YEAR:

- (A) IN 2020 NOT LESS THAN 12%
- (B) IN 2021 NOT LESS THAN 14%
- (C) IN 2022 NOT LESS THAN 16%
- (D) IN 2023 NOT LESS THAN 20%
- (E) IN 2024 NOT LESS THAN 24%
- (F) IN 2025 NOT LESS THAN 28%
- (G) IN 2026 NOT LESS THAN 32%
- (H) IN 2027 NOT LESS THAN 36%
- (I) IN 2028 NOT LESS THAN 40%
- (J) IN 2029 NOT LESS THAN 45%
- (K) 2030 AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER NOT LESS THAN 50%

3. AN AFFECTED UTILITY MAY USE RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDITS ACQUIRED IN ANY YEAR TO MEET ITS ANNUAL RENEWABLE ENERGY REQUIREMENT. ONCE A RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDIT IS USED BY ANY AFFECTED UTILITY TO SATISFY THE REQUIREMENT IN THIS SECTION, THE CREDIT IS RETIRED AND CANNOT BE SUBSEQUENTLY USED TO SATISFY THESE REQUIREMENTS OR ANY OTHER REGULATORY REQUIREMENT. AN AFFECTED UTILITY THAT TRADES OR SELLS ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION REDUCTION CREDITS OR ANY OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL ATTRIBUTES ASSOCIATED WITH KWH PRODUCED BY AN ELIGIBLE RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE MAY NOT APPLY RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDITS DERIVED FROM THAT SAME KWH TO SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS IN THIS SECTION.

E. ANNUAL DISTRIBUTED RENEWABLE ENERGY REQUIREMENT

1. EACH AFFECTED UTILITY SHALL BE REQUIRED TO SATISFY AN ANNUAL DISTRIBUTED RENEWABLE ENERGY REQUIREMENT BY OBTAINING DISTRIBUTED RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDITS FROM DISTRIBUTED RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCES.

2. AN AFFECTED UTILITY'S DISTRIBUTED RENEWABLE ENERGY REQUIREMENT SHALL BE CALCULATED EACH CALENDAR YEAR BY APPLYING THE FOLLOWING APPLICABLE ANNUAL PERCENTAGE TO THE RETAIL KWH SOLD BY THE AFFECTED UTILITY DURING THAT CALENDAR YEAR:

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- (A) 2020 NOT LESS THAN 3%
- (B) 2021 NOT LESS THAN 3.5%
- (C) 2022 NOT LESS THAN 4%
- (D) 2023 NOT LESS THAN 4.5%
- (E) 2024 NOT LESS THAN 5%
- (F) 2025 NOT LESS THAN 5.5%
- (G) 2026 NOT LESS THAN 6%
- (H) 2027 NOT LESS THAN 7%
- (I) 2028 NOT LESS THAN 8%
- (J) 2029 NOT LESS THAN 9%
- (K) 2030 AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER NOT LESS THAN 10%

3. AN AFFECTED UTILITY MAY USE DISTRIBUTED RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDITS ACQUIRED IN ANY YEAR TO MEET ITS ANNUAL DISTRIBUTED RENEWABLE ENERGY REQUIREMENT. ONCE A DISTRIBUTED RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDIT IS USED BY ANY AFFECTED UTILITY TO SATISFY THE REQUIREMENT IN THIS SECTION, THE CREDIT IS RETIRED AND CANNOT BE SUBSEQUENTLY USED TO SATISFY THESE REQUIREMENTS OR ANY OTHER REGULATORY REQUIREMENT. AN AFFECTED UTILITY THAT TRADES OR SELLS ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION REDUCTION CREDITS OR ANY OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL ATTRIBUTES ASSOCIATED WITH KWH PRODUCED BY A DISTRIBUTED RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE MAY NOT APPLY DISTRIBUTED RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDITS DERIVED FROM THAT SAME KWH TO SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS IN THIS SECTION.

Section 3. Severability.

The People of Arizona declare their intention that the provisions of this Constitutional Amendment are severable. If any provision of this Constitutional Amendment is held invalid for any reason, the remaining provisions of this Amendment shall be severed from the void portion and given the fullest possible force and application.

Section 4. Submission to Voters.

The Secretary of State shall submit this Constitutional Amendment to the voters at the next general election as provided by Article XXI, Section 1, Constitution of Arizona.

Section 5. Effective Date and Implementation.

A. If approved by the voters, this Constitutional Amendment shall take effect as of January 1, 2019.

B. The Corporation Commission shall promptly make such changes in and additions to regulations as are necessary to fully implement the provisions of this Constitutional Amendment.

1. No later than 90 days after the Constitutional Amendment takes effect the Corporation Commission shall begin any rulemakings required to implement and enforce this Amendment. These rulemakings must be completed no later than December 31, 2019. The Corporation Commission may open additional proceedings as appropriate to explore implementation details including energy storage, systems operations, and resource planning.
2. Affected Utilities must provide the Corporation Commission with a detailed compliance and implementation plan on an annual basis.

C. The rights established by this Section shall be construed broadly.



KEEP ENERGY AFFORDABLE AND RELIABLE; OPPOSE THE TOM STEYER INITIATIVE

As you may have heard, an out-of-state group primarily funded by California billionaire Tom Steyer has filed a ballot initiative with the Secretary of State's office that would amend Arizona's State Constitution to require that Arizona utility companies obtain 50% of their energy from renewable sources by 2030, **less than 12 years from now.**

If passed, Tom Steyer's initiative would:

1. **Circumvent Arizona's current structure for regulating utilities**, which has provided Arizona residents with some of the safest, most reliable, and affordable energy in the country for over 100 years
2. Enshrine in the state constitution a regulatory mandate that has the potential to **dramatically increase electricity bills** (especially those of low-income and fixed-income residents), a mandate that could not be changed or modified without a costly ballot initiative or $\frac{3}{4}$ vote of the Legislature—**leaving Arizona residents with the burden of complying with a mandate that will have devastating consequences**
3. Require Arizona utilities to **shut down power plants** that have been providing safe, affordable, and reliable energy for decades, **costing taxpayers tens of millions of dollars** in lost tax revenue and hundreds of high-paying jobs
4. **Threaten the viability of the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station**, the largest source of clean, carbon-free energy in the country, **costing 3,000 Arizona families their jobs** and erasing tens of millions of dollars of tax revenue for Arizona schools and public safety
5. **Force Arizona residents to pay hundreds of millions of dollars** for the construction of new, carbon-emitting natural gas plants that would be necessary to generate electricity when the sun is not shining and wind is not blowing
6. **Weaken Arizona's economic competitiveness** by more than doubling residential, commercial and industrial energy costs by 2030

While Tom Steyer's paid spokespeople claim the initiative will reduce Arizona residents' electricity bills and improve public health, the reality is that the initiative will do neither. **Renewable energy is intermittent** and requires support from flexible resources like natural gas or battery storage — these additional resources will require Arizona residents to pay billions of dollars extra to keep the lights on. In addition, the public health issues (asthma and respiratory illnesses) that the initiative spokespeople claim would be addressed by the ballot measure **would not be measurably improved** by shutting down baseload plants such as Palo Verde.

The initiative also includes a requirement that 20% of utilities' renewable generation come from rooftop solar, the **least efficient and most expensive form of solar.**

In summary, an out-of-state group funded by a California billionaire is attempting to buy an amendment to the state constitution by inaccurately telling voters that it will clean the air and reduce their electricity bills. In fact, the initiative is certain to **dramatically increase electricity bills, kill thousands of jobs, eliminate tens of millions of dollars in tax revenue, and potentially increase carbon emissions** in Arizona.

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Naa'bik'iyati Committee

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Amd# to Amd#	Legislation 0211-18: Reaffirming	PASSED
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SEC Hale	Transition to Renewable Energy	
	by Opposing "The Clean Energy...	

Yea : 11

Nay : 2

Excused : 0

Not Voting : 11

Yea : 11

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Nay : 2

Smith	Perry
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Excused : 0

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Brown	Damon	Shepherd	Yazzie
Chee	Hale	Tsosie	