



## Tucson-Pima County Metropolitan Energy Commission

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### **RE: Annual Report – Metropolitan Energy Commission**

Dear Mr. Randolph:

The activities of the Tucson/Pima County Metropolitan Energy Commission for 2012 focused on three specific goals/areas that continue our mission to “serve as a catalyst for the City of Tucson and Pima County to build a more sustainable energy future in the region.”

The first relates to our continued efforts to train citizens of this community on the ways and methods to increase the energy efficiency in their homes. Tucson Electric Power has been an extremely valuable partner in the effort as they not only provide staff who dedicate their time to schedule meetings with groups and organizations, but they also provide funds to purchase items such as foam insulation, caulk guns, metallic tape and other items that can be used to decrease household energy use. These items are placed in a tote bag and handed out to individuals who attend the training sessions. We currently have five trainers who give presentations throughout the community. In 2012 we made presentations to neighborhood groups, and numerous lunchtime seminars were executed for Pima County employees, which reached approximately 550 individuals. We look to increase our outreach efforts in 2013.

The second is our committed partnership with Leslie Ethen, director of the City of Tucson’s Office of Conservation and Sustainable Development, to provide the data and resources necessary for Tucson’s involvement in the STAR Communities Rating Program. This program is the nation’s first voluntary, self-reporting framework for evaluating, quantifying, and improving the livability and sustainability of U.S. communities. STAR uniquely combines:

- A framework for sustainability encompassing the social, economic and environmental dimensions of community;
- A rating system that drives continuous improvement and fosters competition; and
- An online system that gathers, organizes, analyzes, and presents information required to meet sustainability goals.

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MEC approved and sent a letter to Mayor & Council in support of this program and to offer our time and resources to provide the data and expertise necessary for this program to be a success.

The third was a complete revamp and reformat of the MEC website. Since MEC no longer receives Outside Agency funding, we discontinued our relationship with an individual providing the hosting and maintenance of the MEC site who charged us for her services. We found a volunteer who rebuilt the site and MEC members now upload and maintain the site. The site is a valuable tool as it provides basic information about the commission, allows the public to schedule a presentation by one of our trainers, and makes available links to other sites where individuals can learn more about sustainability and energy conservation methods and best practices.

In addition to the items mentioned, MEC continues to: provide resources and expertise on energy-related policy issues should members of the Mayor & Council and the Pima County Board of Supervisors need or request such advice; review State legislation and bills that affect or modify energy policy and recommend Mayor & Council or the Board of Supervisors take appropriate action to support or oppose such legislation; meet with appointers on a quarterly basis; and review utility rate cases that make their way through the Arizona Corporation Commission process.

We hope the information provided is of use and in accordance with Annual Report filing procedures as outlined in Tucson City Code Section 10A – 139(c). Please let me know if additional information is needed and thank you for the filing of this report.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephanie Codd Anderson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Stephanie Codd Anderson  
Chair