



Arizona Community Action Association

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Senate President Tim Bee
Arizona State Senate
1700 West Washington
Phoenix, AZ 85007

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Dear Senate President Bee:

Arizona Community Action Association is pleased to present its first annual Utility Repair, Replace and Deposit (URRD) report to the Governor's office pursuant ARS 46-731 and 46-732, utility assistance; qualified fuel fund entity: report: definitions. The qualified fuel fund, the Home Energy Assistance Fund is a program of Arizona Community Action Association (ACAA), and contracts direct services to Community Action Agencies and community based organizations throughout the state to provide energy assistance to low income Arizona residents.

In late 2007 and 2008, ACAA received Abandoned Deposit Reports from utilities throughout the state (Attachment A). Monies are held in an interest bearing account which has earned \$47,731 in interest income through October 2008, enabling the Fund to assist even more families in need.

Unaffordable home energy costs are reported to be one of the leading causes of homelessness and increasing energy costs force an estimated 1.4 million eligible residents to make critical tradeoffs between essential basic needs such as food and shelter. The URRD program is one of the many valuable programs that help meet the basic energy needs of Arizona's low income residents through utility deposits, appliance repairs and replacements. Due to our ability to invest and leverage these funds, for contract year 2009, over \$1,567,000 is in contract with community agencies to serve families in need.

ACAA looks forward in continuing to serve and advocate on behalf of for Arizona's low income community. Please contact me at 602-604-0640 or cswick@azcaa.org for more information about the Home Energy Assistance Fund and the URRD program.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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Abandoned Deposit Report Utility Analysis				
Holder	2007	%	2008	%
APS	*		*	
Arizona Water Company		0.0%	8,469.33	0.5%
Avra Water Coop Inc.	2,025.46	0.1%	1,513.32	0.1%
Bella Vista Water Co.		0.0%	2,378.34	0.1%
City of Mesa	31,716.11	2.2%	40,572.89	2.5%
Electric District #2	1,825.87	0.1%	1,402.69	0.1%
Electric District #3	4,576.03	0.3%	2,747.66	0.2%
Gold Canyon Sewer Co.		0.0%	1,397.27	0.1%
Litchfield Park Service Co.		0.0%	1,843.84	0.1%
Mohave Electric Coop Inc.	17,301.11	1.2%	19,079.75	1.2%
Qwest	630,592.16	43.0%	689,906.02	42.5%
Ray Water Company		0.0%	1,047.21	0.1%
Rio Rico Utilities	3,583.44	0.2%	2,169.89	0.1%
Salt River Project	477,298.27	32.6%	552,303.31	34.0%
Southwest Gas Corporation	203,213.93	13.9%	156,656.57	9.7%
Sulphur Spring Valley Electric Coop., Inc.	15,196.99	1.0%	12,444.80	0.8%
Trico Electric Cooperative Inc.	486.29	0.0%	6,850.02	0.4%
Tucson Electric Power	77,977.80	5.3%	62,975.82	3.9%
UES Electric	8.00	0.0%	15,165.29	0.9%
UES Gas	*		42,509.01	2.6%
Misc. Other Minor Utilities	79.93	0.0%	1,504.85	0.1%
Total from Utilities	\$ 1,465,881.39	100.0%	\$ 1,622,937.88	76.5%
Department of Economic Security			\$ 499,629.00	23.5%
Sub Total	\$ 1,465,881.39	100.0%	\$ 2,122,566.88	100.0%
Less refunds to owners	\$ (704.16)	0%	\$ (2,540.93)	-0.1%
Account Total	\$ 1,465,177.23	100%	\$ 2,120,025.95	99.9%

*Report was mistakenly filed with the Department of Revenue and has not been returned to ACAA