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The Honorable Nick Myers
Chairman
Arizona Corporation Commission
1200 W Washington Street
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Dear Chairman Myers:

Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Energy on Wednesday, April 29, 2026, to testify at the hearing entitled “AI and the Grid: Meeting Growing Power Demand While Protecting Ratepayers.”

Pursuant to the Rules of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, the hearing record remains open for ten business days to permit Members to submit additional questions for the record, which are attached. The format of your responses to these questions should be as follows: (1) the name of the Member whose question you are addressing, (2) the complete text of the question you are addressing in bold, and (3) your answer to that question in plain text.

To facilitate the printing of the hearing record, please respond to these questions with a transmittal letter by the close of business on Friday, August 14, 2026. Your responses should be mailed to Seth Ricketts Legislative Clerk, Committee on Energy and Commerce, 2125 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515 and e-mailed to Seth.Ricketts@mail.house.gov.

Thank you again for your time and effort preparing and delivering testimony before the Subcommittee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert E. Latta". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Robert" being the most prominent.

Robert E. Latta
Chairman
Subcommittee on Energy

cc: Kathy Castor, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Energy

Attachment

Additional Questions for the Record

The Honorable Bob Latta (R-OH)

1. Can you discuss the value data centers will provide to Arizona communities and the power needs of those communities?
 - a. Do the communities understand the role data centers play in everyone's lives? Or is more education needed?

The Honorable Brett Guthrie (R-KY)

1. Can you discuss the value data centers will provide to Arizona communities and the power needs of those communities?
 - a. Is there a transmission siting and permitting problem here requiring additional federal intervention?
2. Would you briefly explain why it is necessary to plan both generation and transmission upgrades together to design an affordable system?

The Honorable Mariannette Miller-Meeks (R-GA)

1. The Load forecasting bill asks FERC to draw regions for load forecasting joint boards, but it doesn't tell FERC how big or small those regions should be. In your view, what's the right scale for this kind of work? If FERC draws regions that are too narrow, do we miss the bigger regional and interconnection wide patterns that matter for transmission planning and markets, and if they're too broad, do we risk burying very different state circumstances; Arizona versus Colorado versus New Mexico, for example, under a single set of so called 'best practices'?
2. As a state regulator, would a DOE-FERC-NERC report on AI in grid operations be useful to you in your own dockets, or do you worry it could become a de facto national endorsement of tools that commissions haven't fully vetted?