

Arizona's Utility Customer Crisis

4 key threats to public health, energy bills and air quality... and 4 things you can do right now to make a difference.



The **Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC)** is at the center of critical decisions affecting the state's energy landscape. Recent rulings and proposals have sparked significant controversy, walking back progress on public health, consumer costs, and environmental protection. Here are 4 key threats and what you can do to make your voice heard.

THREAT #1

ACC Seeks Gas Plant Loophole

On June 11, 2024 the Arizona Corporation Commission voted 4-1 to allow UniSource Energy to build a 200-megawatt methane gas plant without environmental reviews, upending 50 years of precedent over how gas plants in Arizona are reviewed.

The decision, which is being challenged in court by the Arizona Attorney General's Office, would set a harmful precedent, allowing other large gas-fired power plants to circumvent certain environmental reviews, opening the door for more air pollution and negative health impacts associated with methane gas emissions.

WHAT TO DO

[Email commissioners](#) and demand they uphold the law requiring large gas plants to be reviewed.

THREAT #2

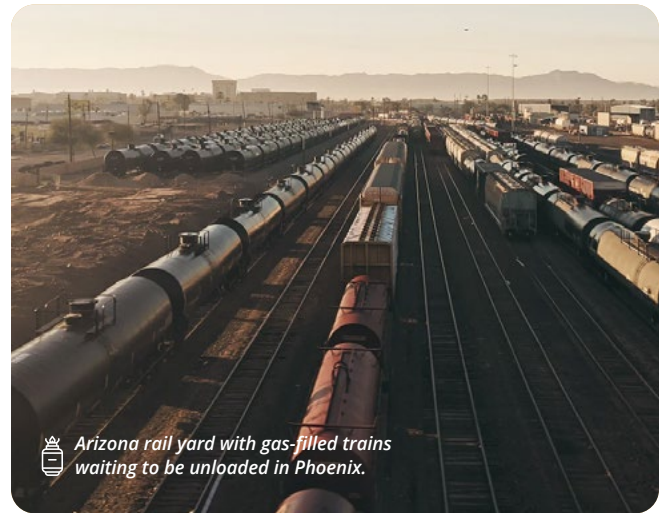
Southwest Gas Rate Hikes

On Feb. 2, 2024 Southwest Gas (SWG), Arizona's largest gas company serving 1.2 million customers in the state, filed for a \$125.6 million revenue increase. This 11.88% rate hike would be the third significant rate hike in three years.

SWG and its shareholders recently celebrated the "largest revenue increase in company history," thanks to the company's back-to-back rate hikes on customers in 2022 and 2023. While many Arizonans struggle to pay their bills, company executives are getting rich, pulling in massive, multi-million-dollar salaries.



Methane gas power plants release harmful pollutants that worsen air quality and health risks.



Arizona rail yard with gas-filled trains waiting to be unloaded in Phoenix.

The ACC's pattern of siding with utility interests over consumer protections raises serious concerns about regulatory priorities.

WHAT TO DO

Act now—contact the ACC and demand they reject SWG's excessive rate hike. [Submit a Public Comment](#) (Use Docket Number: G-01551A-23-0341)

THREAT #3

Solar Tax

On Feb. 22, 2024 the ACC approved a rate hike for Arizona Public Service (APS), increasing residential bills by an average of \$10.59 per month and adding a discriminatory fee on rooftop solar.

The unconstitutional solar tax specifically targets Arizonans for simply choosing to power their homes with solar panels. All Arizonans should have the freedom to make energy choices without burdensome taxes and fees.

WHAT TO DO

Submit a public comment opposing this discriminatory solar fee. (Use Docket Number: E-01345A-22-0144)



THREAT #4

Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency are Under Attack

On Feb. 6, 2024 the ACC initiated a process to eliminate the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Standards.

Repealing the standards could increase pollution and compromise public health. They have been instrumental in creating jobs, scaling investment, and saving water in Arizona, while driving down utility bills. Arizona would stand out as the only state to repeal such standards.

WHAT TO DO

Sign this petition to stop the repeal of Arizona's energy standards and **email commissioners**.



Arizona communities deserve better!

Commissioners are elected to **hold utilities accountable**, not give them a free pass.

