

# Support Community Choice Energy in Arizona

The Arizona Corporation Commission is considering a variety of possible ways to open the state's electricity markets. Community Choice Energy is one option. It would allow cities and counties to choose, or to become, the default electrical energy provider to utility customers in their jurisdictions.

## How to submit a comment to the Arizona Corporation Commission in favor of Community Choice Energy

1. Prepare comment (see talking points, below).
2. Go to [azcc.gov](http://azcc.gov)
3. Click "Cases and Open Meetings" tab
4. Click "Make a Public Comment in a Docket"
5. Fill online form. Docket Number: RE-00000A-18-0405
6. Your Position on Docket: For.
7. "Enter your opinion here:" (paste comment)
8. Click Print to proofread or to keep a copy.
9. **Click Submit.**
10. Comment is on public record.

The following talking points are meant to persuade the ACC to consider the CCE model, not to directly establish CCEs in any particular communities. Once the rules are configured for CCEs, whether or not to form one would be a decision for local governments in places currently served by ACC-regulated electric utilities.

### Suggested talking points

- Community Choice Energy providers (CCEs) have a proven track record of serving their customers in harmony with established utility companies.
- In contrast to problems generated by broader energy market opening strategies, a CCE approach represents sound regulatory policy based on a balanced analysis of the benefits and impacts on all stakeholders and consistent with the public interest.
- City and County governments are accountable to their residents and are well placed to choose default electrical energy providers on their behalf. Giving local decision makers the option of forming a CCE to meet local needs and conditions as they see fit makes sense.
- Arizonans active in their local communities deserve a local, public venue for exercising practical decision making based on values important to each community.
- CCEs would be held to state-mandated renewable energy usage requirements; many would be formed in order to achieve renewable benchmarks more rapidly.
- CCEs should not be limited to short term contracts in their energy procurement protocols, except early in their development to protect them and their customers from learning curve mistakes.
- CCEs should be the "opt-out" default providers to customers in their service territories, including for new move-in residents.
- I want the Corporation Commission to open the door to CCEs so that....