



Arizona senate puts utility-written renewable energy plan on ballot

When political pundits call Arizona a key swing state in November's midterm elections, they're talking about the races for control of the US Senate and House. But it's a down-ballot contest that makes Arizona a swing state in the battle against climate change: the race for two open seats on the five-member Arizona Corporation Commission ...

Bill Scheel, a campaign consultant helping set up the petition drive, said Monday there is a coalition of civic and health organizations who do not believe the current renewable energy standard goals set by the Arizona Corporation Commission are sufficient.

Both models are working to support equitable clean energy initiatives. While the utility laws are very different in those places, these examples present insights into what kinds of services could be offered, how they are priced, and what is possible when a utility focuses on renewable energy, equity, and local generation.

colleagues. We all share a common goal of cleaner air and increased reliance on renewable energy, but it's important we do it the right way. That means bringing everyone together so we can create an Arizona energy plan that works for Arizona families. It's notable that this initiative is anything but an Arizona product.

restrictions regarding the use of coal-fired power. The Clean Power Plan was subsequently put on hold and its future prospects are doubtful under the Trump Administration. In fairness, Gov. Brewer did issue in 2014 an Executive Order adopting the state's Master Energy Plan, officially known as "emPOWER Arizona: Executive Energy Assessment and

This regulation, despite its good intentions, will derail the utility companies' current progress, pass costs on to consumers and likely result in a slower switch to renewable sources. With the three largest utility companies in the state already demonstrating progress in decarbonizing, it doesn't make sense for the government to tell them how they should do so.

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