



EVENT DETAILS

General Election

October 7, 2004
3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Location

University of Advancing Technology
Auditorium, 2625 West Baseline
Road, Tempe, Arizona
(602) 383-8228

Internet Web Cast

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Three Viewing Sites

Central Arizona College

Signal Peak Campus: Building: O,
Room: O-208 B, 8470 North
Overfield Road, Coolidge, Arizona,
(520) 426-4297

Superstition Mountain Campus:
Building: 300, Room: 322, 273 Old
West Highway, Apache Junction,
Arizona, (480) 288-4051

Aravaipa Campus: Building: E,
Room: E-10, 80440 East Aravaipa
Road, Winkleman (520) 357-2056

Registration

Free -- Registration Not Required

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Primary Election

Presented July 13, 2004
Web Cast Now Online

October 7, 2004 Candidate Debate 2004 Arizona Corporation Commission

ACC Candidates to debate issues important to
Arizona's businesses and your quality of life

Live Event and Internet Web Cast

This year you will have the opportunity to vote for four of the five members of the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC).

To help you better understand the importance of the ACC, and to become acquainted with the positions of the candidates, the Citizens Clean Elections Commission selected the Arizona Telecommunications and Information Council to host, and **web cast**, the 2004 primary and general election debates for ACC candidates.

Why You Should Attend: While the Corporation Commission is little understood by the public, this powerful body will make important decisions that will impact your safety and quality of life, economic development, and the future of the state. The Commission:

• makes decisions that affect the quality of service, utility rates, and future investments by public utilities, including telecommunications, water, electric and gas

• serves as watchdogs that oversee our corporations and protects us from investment scams and fraud

• insures public safety for railroads and pipelines

Live Presentation and Internet Web Cast: The debates will be presented in front of a live audience at the University of Advancing Technology in Tempe. Additional viewing sites will also be available at 3 Central Arizona College campuses. The debates will also be web cast real time, and available for on-demand Internet access from the ATIC Web Site following the debates. You will have access to these debates from your desktop.

Translation and Disability Accommodations: Sign and Spanish language translation will be provided. People with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation by contacting Oris Friesen (602) 992-4504 or atic@researchedge.com.

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Information and Web Cast Access

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ARIZONA TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION COUNCIL

The Arizona Corporation Commission

The Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) is an independent regulatory body created by the Arizona Constitution. Some people describe it as a fourth branch of government. There are 5 members of the Commission elected by the public to a four-year term. The ACC authority extends beyond traditional public utilities regulation. This powerful body makes important decisions that will impact public safety and quality of life, business and economic development, and the future of the state. The following describes the Commission's Constitutional and Statutory authorities:

Utilities Regulation

The commission is the state regulatory authority that makes decisions that affect the quality of service, utility rates, and future investments by public utilities, including telecommunications, water, electric and gas. By state law utilities are regulated monopolies and are given the opportunity to earn a fair and reasonable return on their investments. The Commission is required to reach a balance between what is a fair and reasonable return on investment, and service that is reliable and affordable for all consumers. What is fair and reasonable is debated in rate hearings where final decisions are made by the Commission in an Open Meeting.

Corporations

The Commission oversees corporations including granting corporate status for businesses and organizations and maintaining public records. The Corporations Division approves for filing all articles of incorporation for Arizona businesses and organizations, and all articles of organization for limited liability companies. It also grants authority to foreign corporations to transact business in this state. When necessary, the Commission investigates to determine a company's lawful purpose, and they revoke the corporate charter of those corporations not in compliance with Arizona law. Every corporation is required to file an annual report which reflects its current status, business, and financial condition. The Commission maintains this information for public access, responds to public questions concerning businesses and corporation law, and disseminates important information to businesses.

Securities

The Commission serves as a watchdog ensuring the integrity of the securities marketplace and protecting the public from investment scams and fraud through investigative actions and registering, monitoring and investigating securities, securities dealers and brokers, investment advisers and their representatives. To enhance legitimate capital formation the Commission reviews prospective offerings of securities to ascertain that full and fair disclosure is made to potential investors and that the terms of offerings are not inherently fraudulent. When the evidence warrants, they initiate administrative, civil or criminal enforcement actions.

Railroad and Pipeline Safety

The Commission, under the supervision of the Federal railroad and Pipeline safety division, insures the safe operations of railroads and gas pipelines in Arizona. Staff inspects gas pipelines for safety and operates a railroad safety program

The Commissioners have the ultimate responsibility for final decisions on granting or denying rate adjustments, enforcing safety and public service requirements, and approving securities matters. The Commissioners function in an Executive capacity, they adopt rules and regulations thereby functioning in a Legislative capacity, and they also act in a Judicial capacity sitting as a tribunal and making decisions in contested matters.

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