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DES Director: The Launch of Power AZ is a Significant Milestone in Supporting Arizona Families

Initiative will help lower utility costs for tens of thousands of working families

PHOENIX - (March 26, 2026) This week, Governor Katie Hobbs and the Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) launched Power AZ, expanding access to critical utility assistance to an estimated 30,000 households. [Read the Governor's Full Announcement.](#)

"DES is grateful for Governor Katie Hobbs' ongoing commitment to Arizonans, as demonstrated by her administration's investment in utility assistance," said **DES Director Michael Wisehart**. "The launch of Power AZ is a significant milestone in how we support Arizona families facing the growing pressure of rising energy costs and the broader challenge of affordability. This \$15 million investment is a direct commitment to the health and safety of our community's most vulnerable residents. Our team is committed to making this process as seamless as possible through the DES A-to-Z Arizona Portal, ensuring that relief reaches those who need it. We are honored to be a part of this initiative."

Individuals can [learn more about utility assistance on our website](#), and apply through the DES A-to-Z Arizona Portal at [AtoZ.az.gov](https://atoz.az.gov).

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