Memorandum
From the office of
Chairman Bob Stump
Arizona Corporation Commission
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TO: Docket Control
DATE: July 18, 2013
FROM: Trisha Morgan, Executive Aide
SUBJECT: Comment Letters
Arizona Public Service Company E-01345A-13-0248

Chairman Stump's office has received 44 emails in opposition to the above captioned docket. Be advised these emails were not distributed but are in the original file in Docket Control and available for your review.
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Perry Purden
Florence AZ

perrypurden@gmail.com
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Thanks,

William & Karin Lyon
From: Freda Sullivan <fsullivan@VERENGOSOLAR.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 18, 2013 8:43 AM
Subject: Please Help!

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I work in the rooftop solar industry in Arizona. I am writing to urge you to protect net metering.

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These proposed taxes will effectively end the residential solar industry in Arizona. This threatens my livelihood and that of thousands of other Arizonans. Vote to keep net metering as is--protect my job and the jobs of my fellow rooftop solar workers.

Regards,

Freda Sullivan
Business Process Manager | Strategic Initiatives | Verengo Solar
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Suite 100 Building C
Phoenix, AZ 85044
Trisha A. Morgan

From: chipop@q.com
Sent: Thursday, July 18, 2013 7:24 AM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: Solar in Arizona

Dear Mr. Stump,

Make us proud to be Arizonans. Don't squash a fledgling industry because of one utilities self (bottom line) interests.
Show the rest of the country and the world that Arizona can be a progressive state, show the citizens of Arizona that you care about them, too.

PS: I don't write elected officials much, but I just couldn't sit still on this one.

Sincerely,

Charles Pospisil
Dear Commissioners:

APS has proposed reducing the amount they pay to rooftop solar customers for power they send back to the grid by a whopping 75% or tack on a high charge to solar customers’ monthly utility bills.

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Thanks

Jeffrey Carren

Goodyear AZ
Dear Commissioner,

I am the owner of a rooftop solar system, a voter and a utility customer and I urge you to protect the existing net metering program.

I oppose any changes to the net metering program because APS does not have to pay the costs of generating electricity from my solar system that is returned to the grid and sold to other utility customers and that should be considered an offset to the costs of the infrastructure.

Sincerely,

Paul Melchor

Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.
– Henry Ford
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D Zumbro

Peoria, AZ 85382
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Kenny Mollohan

Cottonwood, AZ 86326
Trisha A. Morgan

From: Pamela Hanover <sunsluv1@live.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 17, 2013 8:14 PM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: Reject APS's Net Metering Rollback Proposal (docket E-01345A-13-0248)

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Mayer, AZ 86333
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Phoenix, AZ 85007
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Hnery Wegmann

Glendale, AZ 85310
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mesa, AZ 85205
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Tucson, AZ 85705
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Florence, AZ 85132
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Joe Beringer, Tempe, AZ 85283-2818

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Phoenix, AZ 85283
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phoenix, AZ 85083
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Flagstaff, AZ 86001
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John Nichols

Cornville, AZ 86325
Dear Corporation Commissioner,

As Arizona voters and utility customers with solar, we urge you to protect net-metering.

I lived in Iceland for two years, a country that uses its natural resource—geothermal, wisely. The country is nearly 100 percent fossil-fuel free. Arizona has the benefit of abundant sunshine. While a guess, I would suggest that less than 10 percent of homes or businesses use solar as direct power or to supplement their power needs. What a shame! Back in 2009, APS was considering offering "free" solar panels to customers. Since then, there have been monetary rebates by the State and federal government to encourage the use of solar. Now, the thinking is to "protect" a public utility because people used those rebates to install solar.

This effort by the power industry and the Commission is both disingenuous and hypocritical.

Net metering ensures that solar customers like me receive fair credit for the valuable clean power we deliver to the grid for others to use during the day. It is one of the most important policy tools the Commission has for empowering homes, businesses, schools and public agencies to go solar, and to drive the growth of a successful Arizona industry. Utilities in the state want Arizona to change its successful net-metering program and I am highly concerned that this could result in not properly compensating customers for their valuable energy investments.

Home and business owners spend their own money to install systems that provide many benefits to the grid and other ratepayers. Net-metering also allows utility customers to make their own choices about where they get their electricity, what type of electricity they want and how much they're willing to pay for it.

We urge you to protect net metering.

Perry & Kris Bishop
6911 E Thirsty Cactus Lane
Scottsdale, AZ 85266
480-306-4869
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Daniel C. Bortko
Dear Sir;

I was delighted some time back when APS decided to go 'greener' which will most certainly help our environment. They seemed to be on the side of renewable energy sources; affording one the opportunity to do what they could in order to not only save money but the earth. You might think by that comment that I am a 'tree hugger', however that is not the case...just one who is terribly concerned for our environment.

About a year ago I put in solar in order to help with the above and to save money as I am on a very very fixed income. Now APS is trying to raise rates, maybe not for those of us who are Grandfathered in, (but how long before that is taken away from those of us who are). I think this is an abomination and takes away any incentive for people to go solar, which is one of the smartest of the renewable energy sources available. Especially here where there is an abundance of sun.

I hope you and the other members of the ACC will vote down the rate hike. Large corporations such as this need to stop being so damn greedy with they 'profits' and try to do what is smarter for the majority of us who have a struggle each month budgeting.

Please, Please reconsider this and vote NONONO.

Margot M Martin
Mr. Chairman & Commissioners,

I vehemently oppose APS's proposal to further penalize solar households with additional charges. Net metering already allows for a substantial payback for the company whereby they buy at wholesale and sell at retail rates.

Imposing a fee without delivering anything in return is unconscionable and will ultimately harm the growing solar trend.

Although I do not have residential solar in my own home I beg you, do not grant this increase.

Thank You,
Leslie Guest
Dear Corporation Commissioners:

I'm writing to urge that the Corporation Commission protect the general public and utilize Arizona's unique potential for solar power by preserving net metering and stimulating Arizona's economy with a unique industry.

Solar customers like me contribute to the delivery of valuable clean power that benefit other users of power distributed through the grid, a process facilitated by net metering that justifiably ensures fair credit for participation in this process. Please ensure continuance of this important policy mechanism that permits all segments of our community -- commercial, residential, schools and other public agencies -- to utilize Arizona's unique and plentiful solar resource, thus growing our State's solar industry and solidifying Arizona's diverse energy production.

Please do not allow the utility industries to undo our present net metering program. And most certainly I urge you not to devalue compensation for solar customers who are investing their private resources in the production of solar energy. We homeowners and businesses are investing our private funds in the installation of these systems that add benefits to the grid and all other ratepayers.

The Commission must respect utility customers' right to utilize net metering in choosing the source and type of electricity they purchase within a fair price structure.

Net metering is fair and productive. Please ensure its continuing and growing role in the production of energy in solar-blessed Arizona.

Please place me in your mailing list to receive information on any Commission meetings dealing with net metering and solar energy.

Thank you for your consideration of these views from a concerned consumer.

Sincerely,

Roberto A. Reveles
Gold Canyon
Jul 11, 2013

Commissioner Bob Stump
1200 W. Washington St.
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Commissioner Stump,

I am writing to urge you to protect solar rights in Arizona.

With more than 300 days of sunshine each year, Arizona should be a leader in solar energy. An important component of this solar energy is distributed generation -- systems installed on consumers' homes and businesses. Distributed generation not only assists consumers by powering their energy needs with clean, renewable energy, but any excess energy can also be sent back into the grid, reducing the need for the utility company to produce extra energy while benefiting other customers.

Net metering is one of the most important issues with regards to distributed generation. Net metering ensures that solar customers get fair credit for any energy that is sent back into the grid from their systems. It would not be fair, and it doesn't make sense, not to pay these generators the fair market value for the energy they generate.

A recent study found that because of net metering, APS customers alone will receive $34 million in grid benefits each year, starting in 2015. These benefits range from delaying the need for additional grid infrastructure and power plants, which saves a substantial amount of money, as well as reducing pollution and the associated impacts on public health and the environment.

Solar is a win-win for Arizona, and net metering is an important part of that. Please stand up for Arizona's solar rights by protecting and promoting net metering.

Thank you for considering my comments.

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Mr. Bill Mason
9311 W Briarwood Cir
Sun City, AZ 85351-1469
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Thanks,
John J Matusek
July 12, 2013

Dear: Arizona Corporate Commission

I just read the article in the Arizona Republic about APS not receiving enough from Residential Rooftop Solar customers. I have a system that supplies my needs and I get an annual net back from APS for about $200.

Please consider that ALL the power generated by solar systems is generated during peak demand hours. I get $.06 per KWH that I generate in excess of what I use. The excess goes into the grid and my neighbor uses it and pays APS $0.15 per KWH for that power.

Since the grid needs to be seized to handle the peak demand, when I supply my neighbor, I am reducing the demand on the grid. If it is cloudy or we have a solar eclipse, the peak demand will drop to offset the reduced output by rooftop sol

The $.06 per KWH I receive for my surplus is too low since it offsets the running of peaking units that are the least efficient generation in the APS system. If this were not the case the cost of peak power would not be $.15 per unit.

I am very concerned that our public utility is only interested in increasing revenue. A posture that will inhibit development of distributed rooftop solar supply.

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As an Arizona energy user, I urge you to support consumer choice by acting in favor of electric competition in Arizona.

With electric competition, families, businesses and government entities in our state will benefit from the right to choose their electric power supplier. Just as Arizonans can compare offers for other everyday goods and services based on price, product features and contract flexibility, they should be able to choose the best option for their electricity. In addition, Arizona’s economy and environment will benefit from greater investment and innovation spurred by competition.

As a Goldwater Institute report summarized: “Only by moving Arizona’s electricity industry closer to the ideal of an open and competitive market can the ingenuity of entrepreneurs be engaged to meet the increasing demand for electricity—the lifeblood of Arizona’s economy.”

Electric competition is already delivering benefits to residents in many other states. And it’s long overdue here. Please act to implement electric competition in Arizona.

Thank you for your consideration.

Emerson Turner

Mesa, AZ 85210
Sirs, I have Solar in my home here in Anthem, AZ. In these tough economic times, nearly all of our normal living costs and utilities have continued to go up. I made the expensive decision to install Solar, not only to save electric costs today, but also to help reduce overall power expenditures in coming years.

I find it extremely difficult to believe that APS can justify raising costs to Solar customers - how can it cost them more money if we are (1) using less of their power - meaning less costs to them and (2) harnessing nature's energy to provide our needed Kilowatt instead of having to buy most power from APS.

It seems to me that anyone installing a Solar system is not only reducing their power costs, but overall helping APS meet future power needs without having to constantly increase capacity as our cities and state grow.

Vote to not penalize future Solar users...Solar is a win win for Arizona, APS, state and world reduction in fossil fuel usage (to produce power).

Thank you for your consideration. Thomas H Kirk, Jr.; 2222 W Hazelhurst Ct., Anthem, AZ 85086
Dear Arizona Corporation Commission,

This email is in regard to Arizona Public Service (APS) Company’s proposed changing of net metering with regards to solar produced electricity.

My understanding is that they wish to eliminate net metering and keep any and all excess electricity that is produced by solar electric panels without fair compensation to the producer (ie, the homeowner who installed the panels). As a homeowner who has installed solar electric panels, I feel that this would essentially amount to theft.

As it is, APS pays a nominal fee at the end of the year of approximately 2.8 cents per kilowatt hour for any excess electricity produced. This is substantially lower than the approximately 18 cents per kilowatt hour (depending on the plan/rate schedule) that is charged for on peak electricity by APS. This difference should more than compensate APS for the use of their infrastructure to transfer electricity from the solar electric panel producer to a non-solar equipped house.

Please deny APS their proposed change to net metering.

Sincerely,

Robert H. Graham
Corporate welfare has to stop

Please don't let APS come after folks that own solar power systems. APS is already making money with all the billing chargers.
APS needs to get more competitive and lower rates for all.
Regards Scott BHunt

Scott Hunt
Trisha A. Morgan

From: Don and Jeanne Glass <donanddgknee@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 12, 2013 9:14 AM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: Solar Energy

Dear Corporation Commissioner:

Only a few years ago APS was encouraging the people of AZ to go solar to save on energy. Despite their monumental gains in revenue, now they are crying tears. How despicable! Every resident of our state should have the unalienable right to chose for ourselves how we want to obtain our source of energy for our individual homes and businesses. THE CHOICE MUST BE OURS.

I resent the fact that APS is now attempting to demean my choice of solar energy that has proven beyond a shadow of a doubt to be immensely rewarding for my pocketbook. Solar City has shown me that they are one of the most respectable firms I have ever had the pleasure of doing business with, and more residents of AZ should also have that privilege.

Frankly, I am absolutely fed up with government "officials" attempting to deny me the right to deal with matters strictly pertaining to me and how I wish to live my life. The utility companies in our country have had carte blanche, despite some controls, to harvest revenues that at times are shameful. Now that finally we consumers have a viable option on a source of energy, they are trying to eliminate it. LET THEM COMPETE on a level playing field. If they have any talent whatsoever they should do nicely. If not.....LET THEM DIE....and that includes APS.

Yours for competition and a merit based society,

Dr. and Mrs. Don Glass
Surprise, AZ

Words that can be related to Barrack Obama but spoken by someone else:
It is not the truth that matters, but victory.

IN GOD WE TRUST
One of the reasons I moved to Arizona was the availability of great sunlight. The other was that Arizona took going green seriously the more that we can sell back to APS is one less generator needed. The electric company pays very little for our contribution to the environment and sells that electricity for tons of money.
Trisha A. Morgan

From: Dave/Carolyn Addie <whalers2@cox.net>
Sent: Thursday, July 11, 2013 6:44 PM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: Solar is the golden ticket to Arizona's future

Please be forward thinking and keep Arizona's solar strong. It just makes economic sense for our sunshine state

Carolyn Addie

Sent from Carolyn's iPad
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Trisha A. Morgan

From: jod8@yahoo.com@mailgun.org on behalf of Jodi <jod8@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 11, 2013 7:15 PM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: Corporate welfare has to stop

Dear Commissioner,

This is crap that there are lobbyist working with APS to increase charges those who chose to pay thousands of dollars to go green and use solar power. It's a shame that the power company is this greedy and has started a campaign spreading bs to get the public to agree to increase power rates. Where will it ever stop? Please don't let these lobbyist have their way. Solar power should be encourage, not discouraged. I have no problem "subsidizing power for other users" since those "users" are doing their part on making our world a better place to live. Please do not allow APS to increase their pricing structure to solar power users.

Thank you,

Jodi Vogel

Jodi Vogel
Corporate welfare has to stop

Dear Commissioner,

NO subsidies for Solar...it should STAND on IT's OWN, like any other business. Corporate Welfare - paid for by TAXPAYERS, LIKE ME, is unacceptable. Solar is great but ONLY, ONLY if it can stand on it's own.

jere fredenburgh
I am writing to encourage you to update the current way that "net metering" is determined. As a customer and citizen I find it really unfair that I am charged an outrageous amount to subsidize solar owners. Arizona Public Service has harped for years to conserve energy and when we do they ask the commission for rate increases, which the receive. What is the point of conserving, I am using less energy and paying more. I am supportive of a reasonable return on your investment but it seems APS wants it cake and eat it too. Please amend the current way of determining the amount of payment.

Thank you for your consideration,

Darlene Miller
Dear Commissioner,

The present system of paying for homeowners' solar power gives advantages in costs over the non-solar users and is very unfair. Why should non-solar users pay higher rates to subsidize solar power? Please consider all of your customers in setting these rates in the future.

Thank you, Lorene H. Eagar

Lorene Eagar
Dear Commissioner,

Paying for homeowners' solar power at a high rate is very unfair. Average users are the customers you should be protecting by giving them the lowest rates and not putting additional cost burdens on them. Do what you can to bring fairness to the billing process.

Thank you, Terry S. Eagar

Terry S. Eagar
Dear Corporation Commissioner,

As Arizona voters and utility customers with solar, we urge you to protect net-metering.

I lived in Iceland for two years, a country that uses its natural resource—geothermal, wisely. The country is nearly 100 percent fossil-fuel free. Arizona has the benefit of abundant sunshine. While a guess, I would suggest that less than 10 percent of homes or business use solar as direct power or to supplement their power needs. What a shame! Back in 2009, APS was considering offering "free" solar panels to customers. Since then, there have been monetary rebates by the State and federal government to encourage the use of solar. Now, the thinking is to "protect" a public utility because people used those rebates to install solar.

This effort by the power industry and the Commission is both disingenuous and hypocritical.

Net metering ensures that solar customers like me receive fair credit for the valuable clean power we deliver to the grid for others to use during the day. It is one of the most important policy tools the Commission has for empowering homes, businesses, schools and public agencies to go solar, and to drive the growth of a successful Arizona industry. Utilities in the state want Arizona to change its successful net metering program and I am highly concerned that this could result in not properly compensating customers for their valuable energy investments.

Home and business owners spend their own money to install systems that provide many benefits to the grid and other ratepayers. Net-metering also allows utility customers to make their own choices about where they get their electricity, what type of electricity they want and how much they’re willing to pay for it.

We urge you to protect net metering.

Perry & Kris Bishop
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Commissioners

I have followed the articles regarding the debate concerning net metering and I would like to add my opinion for your consideration.

My wife and I purchased our 6.15 kW system in 2008. As part of our agreement with APS we executed a document which allowed APS to take title to any environmental credits associated with the electric power produced from our PV system. Each kilowatt-hour of electricity produced by our PV system has an environmental credit associated to this kWh. Our action of accepting the Credit Purchase Payment from APS signified our acceptance of these terms. Further, if we unilaterally decided to stop participating in this program we would need to refund to APS an apportioned amount of the APS Credit Purchase Payment. Additionally, we were required to inform APS, in writing, if we decided to sell our property, and if we sold our property after one year of installation of our system we were required to insure that the buyer of our property would agree to all the same terms and conditions and continue to operate the PV system. APS did stipulate that the energy sent back to the APS grid would appear as a kWh credit on our bill.

Understanding the various components of this agreement my wife and I spent $20,000 of our money and executed the agreement. We had a deal. A representative of APS and I executed the agreement and both sides understood and acknowledged the components of this agreement. To put it simply—I merely accepted the terms as presented to me. I believe it is inappropriate for APS to attempt to unilaterally change an agreement that we both accepted.

If APS no longer wants to participate in business with these terms and conditions I believe it makes sense to develop a plan that would effect those individuals who would want to participate in PV systems in the future. These individuals could then review the new terms and conditions and decide whether they would want to spend their money. I strongly believe those of us who decided to participate in this solar electricity program years ago should be grandfathered.

Thank you.

Russell Galewski
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I am an Arizona voter and utility customer and I am writing to urge you to protect net-metering. There is a rally being held which I can not attend because of the distance, I live in another town. But I wanted my voice heard on this matter.