We received a letter today from our Electric Power Provider Arizona Public Service (APS), notifying us that they are requesting a change in the way solar subscribers will be charged for power supplied by APS, and how they will be paid for any excess power received by APS. Docket No. E-01345A.

According to this letter, those without solar are now paying as much as $1000 per year more than they should have to, because those of us with solar don't pay for the use of the power grid, as we generate all, or most of what we use.

There are two options APS is asking for; one is to continue Net Metering with a different rate plan, the ECT-2 plan. This plan would charge us for basic service charges for the use of the grid when we receive power from APS to offset the times we don't generate enough or need to get back some of what we "banked" with APS.

The Bill Credit Option plan would be for them to buy 100% of all power we generate, at the rate they decide. This makes solar customers energy providers for APS without the right to negotiate the price of power we sell to them, or the right to choose whom we sell our ower to. The we have to purchase all power we usee back from them at whatever rate they set like everyone else. What benefit did our spending thousands of dollars of our money give us?

Why are business solar customer going to be exempt from the requirements of any rate change/increase that APS is aking its residential solar customers to pay to offset the "higher" cost to those without solar? Doesn't every solar customer contribute to the disparity they refer to? The offset created by the lartge solar arrays
businesses are installing is much greater than any or all of the residential ones.

APS doesn't like the Net Metering plan because it doesn't do enough they say; if it was across the board for businesses and residential solar customers, it would more than even the playing field between solar and non-solar customers.

Although we dis-agree with any rate change/increase for solar customers, we dis-agree that Arizona Public Service should be granted the Bill Credit Option plan it's requesting of its residential solar customers, as it will virtually stop solar installation of residential systems. Eventually what they pay us will no longer offset what they charge us.

The Net Metering plan if implemented equitably between business and residential solar customers alike, will even the playing field between solar customers, and non-solar customers, while still making it worthwhile for people to continue to invest in solar, which is what we agree the planet needs.

Sincerely,

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*End of Complaint*

**Utilities' Response:**

**Investigator's Comments and Disposition:**

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Emailed to the Phoenix ACC office for docketing.
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*End of Comments*

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