Memorandum
From the office of
Chairman Bob Stump
Arizona Corporation Commission
1200 W. WASHINGTON
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TO: Docket Control
DATE: September 10, 2013
FROM: Trisha Morgan, Executive Aide
SUBJECT: Arizona Public Service Corporation
E-01345A-13-0248

The Chairman has received 11 emails generated by the Sierra Club in opposition to the above captioned docket. Attached is a sample of the email received. Be advised these letters were not distributed but that they are in the original file in Docket Control and available for your review.
Trisha A. Morgan

From: Sierra Club <information@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Andy Bessler <andy.bessler@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 25, 2013 12:10 PM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: Protect Solar Rights in Arizona

Jul 25, 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.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

Andy Bessler
3405 N Grandview Dr
Flagstaff, AZ 86004-1629
(928) 380-7808
Dear Mr Stump,

I am writing to you today in hopes that you will not accept APS’s attempt to kill the solar industry in Arizona.

APS enjoys a monopoly in Arizona my only alternative to ever increasing electric bills was to look for alternative solutions. Solar happened to be a cost effective way to reduce my electric bill. By installing solar I helped reduce my carbon footprint and hopefully did my small part to offset global warming, also I helped an industry that offers more jobs than all of APS. This alone should be reason enough not to kill off solar in Arizona.

I believe this attempt by APS to kill solar is about nothing but greed. They are afraid that if enough people go solar then their profits will suffer.

Do not let APS get away with this. As a Nation and a State we should be promoting the use of solar to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels and help reduce the emissions that contribute to global warming.

Instead of ending rooftop solar lets end APS’s Monopoly in Arizona and allow other companies to bid for our business.

Thank You.

Sincerely,

Jim Todd

Jim Todd
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I am writing to express my opposition to the APS proposal presently before the Corporation Commission. In essence, APS wishes to curtail the solar industry by charging a very large monthly surcharge to me as a solar customer. They want to eliminate the EPR-6 program and change the net metering from on-par to a wholesale/retail program.

As to the monthly surcharge (estimated at $50-$100); how does APS justify such an expense. We currently use more of our solar energy than energy from APS, so we would be incurring additional expense that is totally unsubstantiated. We have met our goal of reducing our energy use, and protecting the environment. This was the original goal of APS, but now they’re trying to penalize us for doing the right thing.

The Corporation Commission is mandated with PROTECTING the consumer from monopolies and inappropriate rate increases. APS states that they need this additional income to provide a grid for the consumers to use and downplay the benefits that rooftop solar plays in reduced transmission lines. This tax (and that is exactly what it is) is unwarranted and unfair. APS would like us to think they are a solar advocate but nothing could be farther from the truth. They propose this tax since they are unwilling to alter their business model and properly embrace a technology that is coming whether they want it to or not.

I ask the Corporation Commissioners to look closely at what is done nationally and protect the consumer from this outrageous course of action. We all have an obligation to reduce the carbon footprint we leave and this would be a huge step backwards. In addition, solar customers should not be penalized for doing the right thing. Arizona needs to be a frontrunner in solar and renewable energy.

Sharon and Jim Carlin
Prescott
Dear Commissioner,

I am writing to encourage you to fight for the rights of the people who vote for you and you are supposed to represent.

Since the 1970s our government and utility companies have told us to conserve energy because we are running out of energy. We cut back on our usage to our discomfort. Now we have been told to go green and use solar. Well this time it costs us large sums of money and APS gets the use of anything we don't use. We pay and they gain. Every time we do as the government or utility companies ask they realize that they aren't making as much money as they were so they raise their rates!!!! We get less and they and they get more.

IT'S TIME FOR APS TO STAND BEHIND THEIR PROMISES AND STOP CHANGING THE RULES AFTER THEY GET US TO COMPLY WITH THEIR REQUESTS!! AND ITS TIME FOR YOU TO STAND UP FOR US!!

BARBARA FROESE
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GOD BLESS AMERICA
Jul 27, 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.

Please stand up for the benefits of solar energy for our state by protecting and promoting net metering and rejecting the two proposals being offered by APS. What benefits you ask? Arizonans who install roof-top solar systems can help power their homes with clean, renewable energy, and can send excess energy back into the grid for other customers to use. Using solar energy reduces the energy production needed by the utility company, which saves money, delays the need for adding grid infrastructure and reduces pollution, a benefit for public health and the environment. Arizona should be a leader in solar energy, and it can be a source of high-paying local jobs. It is a win-win for our state.

Net metering ensures that solar customers get fair credit for any energy that is sent back into the grid from their systems. They have invested their own money in their solar systems. It is only right and fair that they get fair market credit for the energy they generate. According to a recent study, APS customers alone will receive $34 MILLION in grid benefits each year, starting in 2015, because of net metering.

Please consider my thoughts and support fair net metering, the development of solar energy and the people and environment of Arizona by rejecting APS's proposals to reduce net metering benefits to solar customers.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

Ms. Margaret Shamonsky
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Prescott, AZ 86301-8405
Jul 28, 2013

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Phoenix, AZ 85007

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Mr. Andrew Wright
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Tempe, AZ 85282-6549
Jul 19, 2013

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Sincerely,

Mr. Doug Goosey
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Goodyear, AZ 85395-8381
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APS wants to charge homeowners an increased fee for producing their own power because their profit margin will inevitably fall. Producing power during the most expensive time of the day makes sense for homeowners but not CEO paychecks. In the long run, economic benefits to APS will outweigh the initial drop as less infrastructure is needed to deliver power to urban areas.

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Mrs. Tyler Goodman
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From: Sierra Club <information@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Sandie Kubie <bigsandie@hotmail.com>
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This letter is being sent to you because you are a decision-maker. YOU can make the right decision for Arizona, and that decision is Solar! Please do all you can to help the net metering customers. It is absolutely imperative that Arizona LEAD the nation in fostering solar energy, clean, natural energy that all Arizonans can participate in and be justly paid for.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

Ms. Sandie Kubie
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