Dear Consumer Services Section:

I'm writing in regards to current policies and proposals that affect the rates I pay for electricity.

I was outraged to learn that my rates have gone up or may go up because solar producers are generating excess electricity that my utility company is forced to buy. And that my utility company currently is required to pay over 5 times the fair market value for this excess electricity. It is egregious that my rates are higher than they ought to be because of this unfair practice.

I do not oppose solar energy per se. But I do oppose inequity. Businesses and homeowners who choose to install solar systems should not be given credit for more than the going market rate for the energy produced, nor should my utility company be forced to buy energy in excess of their storage capacity and demand expectations.

The current practice of forcing utility companies to pay unfairly high rates for solar-generated energy and passing the cost on to us customers must be stopped. For one thing, it discriminates against the many poor who cannot afford to choose to put solar panels on their roof, and it inflates the rate the rest of us must pay.

If a homeowner or business producing solar energy is sending $3 worth of energy to a utility company, they should be paid only the $3 energy produced is worth, not 5 or 6 times that. If they are getting paid 5 or 6 times more that the going market rate, i.e. profiting on their investment, shouldn't they be reporting and paying income taxes on these earnings to the IRS and to the state?

Arizona electric public utility companies should be fulfilling their purpose of providing the Arizona public with low-cost energy, not lining the pockets of investors or energy producers at the public's expense.

Thank you in advance for taking action to end this inequality.
Sincerely,
Rev. Fannalou Guggisberg
*End of Complaint*

Utilities' Response:

Investigator's Comments and Disposition:
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Emailed to the ACC Phoenix office for docketing.
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*End of Comments*

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