Memorandum

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SUBJECT: Arizona Public Service Corporation
Docket No. E-01345A-13-0248

Between the dates of Tuesday, September 24, 2013 at 9:48 am and Friday, October 4, 2013 at 9:48 am the Chairman received 50 significantly identical emails generated by an unknown source. Attached is a sample of the email received.
Dear Commissioner,

All Arizonans benefit from a reliable electrical grid that sustains our economic and population growth and powers our critical infrastructure, such as water facilities, hospitals, schools, and more. The successful adoption of solar in our community has not lessened the need for a reliable grid, and solar users continue to need access to the grid just like non-solar users. The challenge we now face is that the net metering subsidies designed to spur the adoption of solar are outstripping their benefits, and the situation is only going to get worse unless you vote to reform the system now.

If more individuals receive subsidized power, there will be fewer who remain to foot the bill for the grid. That is not sustainable.

In a free market, individuals should be able to choose solar, and many stand in support of preserving that choice. But utilities subject to the existing net metering policy are being forced to pay solar users more than three times the market price, and other Arizonans are left paying the bill.

This is NOT about solar. It is about fairness and ensuring reliable power. Solar has a bright future in Arizona. Arizona is number one in total installed solar capacity per capita, and ranks second, behind California, for total installed solar energy capacity. Updating the state’s net metering policy will protect our commitment to solar, but not doing so would jeopardize our ability to provide a reliable power grid for future Arizonans.

I urge you to vote for net metering reform this year.

Sincerely,

Jan Ballantyne