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Dear Commissioners:

Here in Arizona we are blessed with an abundance of sunny days, and the power to control our own energy production. Over the past few years, solar panels have grown to become a dominant source of energy producing safe and clean energy for our state. Policies toward this new and ever growing industry have given many Arizonans the incentive to expand their use of clean energy.

The current net-metering policy encourages the use of residential solar panels and has helped make Arizona one of the leading producers of solar panels, per capita in country. Currently, net-metered customers use the power grid to sell their excess power to utility companies mostly at a full retail rate of electricity in exchange for credits to buy power when they need it. The cost associated with this policy carries a heavy burden on traditional energy customers using the grid.

In various ways, it is unreasonable to require these non-net-metered customers to pay more, while exempting net-metered customers who also rely on the power grid. I urge the commission to review this policy immediately and make the necessary changes to ensure all people of Arizona are treated equally and pay their fair share of the power grid.

Sincerely,

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