Dear Commissioners;

The solar industry has been a major benefit to the economy of Arizona. It has provided clean energy and given many homeowners a chance to produce their own energy. Unfortunately, the policies that govern the solar industry are out of date with today’s current energy market, and it is my hope that you will revise these policies so that everyone, solar and non-solar users, are paying their fair share.

The benefit of solar is that homeowners can sell excess energy produced back to the state. This is good for the grid and all energy users. The problem is that these solar users, under current billing policies, are essentially using the grid for free, and not paying critical infrastructure costs. It would not be a problem if solar users didn’t use the grid, but they do. They use it when their panels are not producing enough energy to power their home.

It would be a mistake to damage the solar industry in Arizona, so nobody wants to see that happen. What we do want to see is fairness for everyone when it comes to using and paying for our energy needs.

Sincerely,

John C. Scott
Arizona Corporation Commission  
Commissioners Wing  
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Phoenix, Arizona 85007  

Dear Commissioners;

In our state, we have an abundance of clean energy in the form of sunshine. In fact, the entire solar energy industry has seen tremendous growth in just the past decade. Homeowners now are willing to invest in solar panels for clean energy and to save costs in the long run. Problems have popped up with this industry though, most notably the billing processes for net-metering. They are not suited to today's Arizona energy market, and they need to be revised.

This net-metering problem essentially boils down to the fact that these net-metered customers are able to use the energy grid for free, and are skirting paying the costs for infrastructure and other essential services. This is a problem because those costs are then shifted to the majority of those who do not have solar panels, and it is unfair.

I know that the Commission has a major decision to make on this issue, and I hope you hear the calls from those of us who would prefer to see a fair energy marketplace instead of the current one.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Dear Commissioners;

The past month has been one of turmoil for the solar industry here in Arizona. The net-metering issue that is before the Commission is a complicated one and it's important that the Commission gets it right when they meet to resolve this issue. I believe that everyone should be paying for the equipment and infrastructure that they use, whether they are solar or non-solar users.

Nobody wants to crush solar in Arizona. Our state has made tremendous strides in this industry, and it will only grow in the years to come. The policies that were created back when solar was still in its infancy simply do not work today. Those with solar are simply not paying their fair share for the energy infrastructure that they are using.

I thank you all for the tremendous work that you are doing, and hope that you will resolve this issue so that Arizonans are not being unfairly treated.

Sincerely,

Lori Klein
Former State Senator
State of Arizona
November 6, 2013

Bob Stump
Commissioner
Arizona Corporation Commission
Commissioners Wings
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Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Commissioner Stump,

As you consider making much-needed changes to Arizona's net metering policy, please contemplate ways to make net metering fair for all customers and rooftop solar sustainable for the long term.

Having a reliable electricity grid that is ready to provide reliable power around the clock is critically important to my organization, our clients and to our state, as is the development of solar energy.

As Executive Director of Community Action Human Resources Agency, an organization serving the limited income population in Pinal County, I am imminently aware of the barriers those we serve face on a daily basis. Therefore, I want to be sure those who cannot afford it, do not want or cannot have a solar rooftop system are protected from paying an unfairly high share for the costs of the grid. Our clients have limited income and therefore should not be subjected to paying higher fees. That can be accomplished by reforming net metering.

Arizona is nationally recognized as a solar leader, and we should continue to make sure solar energy grows and thrives in Arizona. But it makes no sense to let the net metering problem continue to get worse.

Let's find a solution that fixes the problem right the first time. And let's continue Arizona's solar leadership by reforming the current net metering policy. I appreciate the opportunity to voice my opinion.

Sincerely,

Mary Lou Rosales
Executive Director