Dear Commissioner Forese,

The utility companies are giving solar the shiitty end of the stick. They've constantly raised the rates for solar customers. Don't let them get away with this again.

Utilities shouldn't be able to raise rates on solar customers without bringing a rate case, and for sure, whatever rates they get should not be applied retroactively!

Distributed solar power generation is what we should be promoting in Arizona, with all the free sunshine we have. Utilities want to concentrate power - both power generation, and their economic power to set monopoly rates. It's your job to regulate them in the public interest, and to defend customers from being taken advantage of by corporate economic power.

You should be encouraging customers to install solar power panels, and demand that the electric utility companies change their business models to adapt to this greener way of generating electricity!

Sincerely,

Tom Adams
Dear Commissioner Forese,

I just want to reaffirm that, as a solar customer of APS, I think raising rates on one class of customers will prove to be unconstitutional because it unfairly singles out the customers whose solar panels compete with APS's power. Please do not do this.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sue E. Dean
Dear Mr. Forese,

Why do I continue to read about APS attempting to tax residential solar owners? Do they not profit as well from the excess power produced from these units? They only pay a small credit price for anything the homeowner produces over their consumption and then they are able to sell that same kW at their market price to other electric users. Sure the profit margin might look smaller, but if you consider the fact that they are not having to expend their own resources to produce that kW, the profit should be similar in the end.

In short, I understand that APS is a private company with shareholders that expect a return on their investment, as do I! However I don't feel it's equitable that I should be "taxed" differently just because I made a sound, long term decision to install solar on my house.

So I ask, when is the corporation commission going to shut this talk down? APS is not losing money. To the contrary it would seem profits have steadily increased over time, as have my power rates!

Sent from my iPad
Debra Scordato

From: Laurence Wittig <retmusaz@cox.net>
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2015 11:31 AM
To: Forese-Web
Subject: stick to your word

Dear Commissioner Forese,

Supervisors,

Stick to your word and encourage, not tax, solar. Ignore pressure from Arizona's traditional energy corporations such as APS.

Sincerely,

Laurence Wittig
I paid a lot of money a few years ago to add solar panels to my home. I did so for two reasons: to move to renewable energy from fossil fuels to help clean our environment and to cut my costs for energy. I knew when I made this decision that I might not live long enough (I am 83) to make it a good investment for me but thought I should do what was responsible for the future of my grandchildren (4) and great grandchildren (12) who live in AZ. I hoped the solar system on my house would enhance its value when my son come to sell the house once I die.

I have bills for electricity some months that are less than $10 a month. The last one I paid was $8.95. I will strongly oppose any actions that increase my APS bill. That would be breaking the deal that I, and many others, made when deciding to help improve our environment.

Sincerely,

Shirley McAllister
Dear Commissioner Forese,

Four utilities are trying to levy charges on solar customers outside of established procedures. Utilities shouldn’t get special treatment to raise rates for solar. The fair process for discussing solar rates is in a rate case. All Commissioners, and APS, have stated that solar rates should be looked at in a rate case. The Commission should stick to their word and not let utilities raise rates outside of the proper venue.

Sincerely,

Patricia Orlinski
Dear Commissioner Forese,

I beg you to please reduce the reteric and going around processes. It is essential this world increase the use of renewable energy as quickly as it can. For our future's sake.

Sincerely,

Elizbeth Lawson
Dear Commissioner Forese,

Dear Commissioners:
We have had solar panels for the past few years after our friends invested. We made a significant out of pocket investment (with personal 8 year financial breakeven). Had we known that we would be additionally taxed, expanding (or perhaps making impossible) a reasonable breakeven period, we would not have "gone solar". Please be fair and relegate all discussion for a change in solar rates to a rate case, as you have all previously said you would. Please consider the Tucson model, in which any power that we need (since we don't have a sufficient battery to store our excess) would be purchased by us at retail rates, and any excess we produce would be purchased by APS at wholesale rates. This seems like a fair compromise.
Sincerely, Kelly Basfield

Sincerely,

Kelly Basfield
Dear Commissioner Forese,

Dear Commissioners:
We have had solar panels since 2010 and made a significant out of pocket investment (with personal 7 year financial breakeven). Had we known that we would be additionally taxed, expanding (or perhaps making impossible) a reasonable breakeven period, we would not have "gone solar". Please be fair and relegate all discussion for a change in solar rates to a rate case, as you have all previously said you would. Please consider the Tucson model, in which any power that we need (since we don't have a sufficient battery to store our excess) would be purchased by us at retail rates, and any excess we produce would be purchased by APS at wholesale rates. This seems like a fair compromise. 
Sincerely, Janice Kaplan

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Janice Kaplan
Dear Commissioner Forese,

The solar issue is truly complex. In the early stages, everyone was giving the home owner rebates to encourage him to install solar panels. We were encouraged to "go Green" and save the planet, to lessen our dependence on oil by using a natural resource. Now the utilities want to hamper the progress of using less. Please review this issue carefully, with the consumer in mind too.

Sincerely,

Margaret Atwood
Dear Commissioner Forese,

You guys sure do love Money.....

Sincerely,

Sonny Rock
From: Don Harris <Donnieh30@hotmail.com>  
Sent: Saturday, June 13, 2015 9:03 PM  
To: Forese-Web  
Subject: Stop taxing us and stopping competition

Dear Commissioner Forese,

Stop taxing solar. Stop trying to eliminate competition. Make utilities try and compete as opposed to raising fees.

Sincerely,

Don Harris
Dear Commissioner Forese,

Greetings,

As we approach the deadline, PLEASE use your head and not your evil money making ways!

Arizona is a state which has a lot to offer...Why are you offering only to the Mega Million Corporations?

Feel the need to worry about the people who vote you into office and those who worry about the state.

It's time to take action...It's time to do the world right! Please help us doing the right thing.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Acciardo
Dear Commissioner Forese,

The solar tax the utilities are trying to impose should be discussed in a rate case as you’ve stated they would be. Utilities shouldn’t get special treatment to raise rates for solar. The commission needs to stick to their word and not let utilities raise rates outside of the proper venue.

I urge you to stick to your word and make sure the rates are looked at in a rate case

Sincerely,

Rachel Sester
Dear Commissioner Forese,

I know that you have received, or will receive, plenty of compelling emails from concerned citizens about utility companies levying charges on solar customers outside of established procedures. So I will make this brief and to the point...

Public trust requires that the Commission maintain fair and reasonable practices. If you have ever been treated unfairly in any aspect of your personal life, then you know exactly how solar and potential solar customers feel about the Commission’s attempt at unfair practices. The commission needs to stick to their word and not let utility companies raise rates outside of the proper venue. PLEASE DON’T KILL SOLAR IN THE VALLEY OF THE SUN. Please try to remember where you live... AMERICA! We are not a communist country where citizens have no voice. Please listen to the voices of American solar customers. It is YOUR obligation to do so.

Sincerely,

Peggy Lynne Masoner
Debra Scordato

From: Barbie Burke <azbarbierealtor@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2015 10:23 AM
To: Forese-Web
Subject: Do NOT raise rates on solar in Arizona!

Dear Commissioner Forese,

Please do the right thing as commissioners and do not raise the rate on solar! You know better than to go against your ethics, morals, and values and especially as an elected official. We are all watching you and keep a close eye on how you are voting.

You were elected by the people here in Arizona and I plead with you to stop raising rates on solar customers whom are actually helping Arizona. We need more solar and it provides jobs here in Arizona. We should be the leader of solar in the US and you know that too.

Sincerely,

Barbie Burke
Dear Commissioner Forese,

As a young citizen, I know it is absolutely critical that we do everything we can to transition Arizona’s economy to 100% clean, renewable energy. This would create thousands of jobs, greatly improve public health, and increase our resilience to extreme weather events. Instead of levying new charges on solar customers, please reconsider solar rates in a traditional rate case, as you have stated is appropriate. We have an opportunity to lead the country, and maybe the world, in moving to a solar economy, please don’t waste it.

Sincerely,

Charles Fisher
Dear Commissioner Forese,

There are established procedures for putting new charges on solar customers and they should be followed. The process for discussing rates for solar is in a rate case. If you place fees on me- as a solar customer- for using the grid, my opinion is the w I send to the grid is equal to the kw I receive from the grid. The fee covers grid use, the kw is mine stored until I need it.

May I remind you that the ACC is in place to protect the public NOT to be in the back pocket of the utility.

Sincerely,

Linda Julson
Dear Commissioner Forese,

Four utilities are trying to levy charges on solar customers outside of established procedures. Utilities shouldn’t get special treatment to raise rates for solar. The fair process for discussing solar rates is in a rate case. All Commissioners, and APS, have stated that solar rates should be looked at in a rate case. The Commission should stick to their word and not let utilities raise rates outside of the proper venue.

Sincerely,

John Spall
Dear Commissioner Forese,

Please stick to your word, and only discuss solar rates in the proper venue - a rate case. This allows for due process and for the ACC to evaluate all rates together.

Sincerely,

Wright Mier
Dear Commissioner Forese,

The idea of raising fees for solar users outside over hearings is pure and simply unacceptable. This is being driven by The old monopoly companies.

Sincerely,

Peter Johnson
Dear Commissioner Forese,

I have written on this in the past, but I want to be sure that the ACC knows, Arizonans want the commission to stick to its word and not be coaxed into changing rates without properly posted hearings for public input. That is what the ACC is set up to do. Citizens count on the ACC to do their jobs and conduct hearings for rate changes. Please don’t discourage solar customers by raising their rates.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

Sue E. Dean
Dear Commissioner Forese,

You wanted us to go Solar, we went solar. Now you want to punish us for it by raising a special tax, because you are going to disappear and you should. Sooner or later TEP should go the way of the company which was selling Bogey Whips, and Kodak and Bell and Howell. you had a good time for 150 years but you did not see coming, Goodbye TEP RIP
Sincerely Andre Pernet Ph.D

Sincerely,

Andre Pernet
Dear Commissioner Forese,

Solar usage is the best source of energy for the world to use. This is especially true in states like Arizona where there is so much sun shine. Do not let the utilities greed cause solar usage to drop. There's is a case of "what's good for us is more important than what is good for the world." This attitude should not be fostered.

Sincerely,

Chester Homan
Dear Commissioner Forese,

As an Arizona resident, I am writing to voice my concern regarding the blatant bias and deviance from procedure which has been shown by Arizona’s four utility companies, concerning rates for solar.
I urge the Commission to follow promised standard procedure and discuss any change in solar rates in the proper venue—a rate case.
Please stick to your word and do not let utilities independently raise rates outside of the proper venue.

Sincerely,

Barbara Como
Dear Commissioner Forese,

Consideration of rate changes for residential solar should be made during APS's next rate case filing and not at another time. This should sound familiar since Corporation Commissioners made similar statements. The Corporation Commission should stick with this. To do otherwise would betray themselves and constituents and would favor SRP, APS and the like.

Please note that residential solar makes a significant contribution to Arizona. Do not undermine this growing industry. Our state needs it. So do the cities, the power companies and the residents. Residential rooftop solar is an important ingredient in Arizona's energy profile, economic profile and our ability to control the quality of our air and water. Support this industry that can make our state's economy and environment more resilient. Thank you for considering this note.

Sincerely,

Deb Sparrow
Dear Commissioner Forese,

All commissioners should be working toward making Arizona THE SOLAR STATE. Your actions should be to maximize the use of solar energy. Solar rates should be low and APS rates high to encourage people to move toward solar.

Sincerely, June Cohen

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June Cohen
Dear Commissioner Forese,

Do not let Utilities ruin Solar by taxing or raising rates.

Sincerely,

Tamara Dials
Dear Commissioner Forese,

When the last mountain in West Virginia is blown up, when your children and their children are sickened by the air they breath, when the entire aquifer on the east coast, California, and most of the rest of the country is poisoned and no one can find clean water is the time to stop standing in the way of solar power. That's what you deserve and it is probably what you're going to get.

Enjoy Your Bonfire,

J. Eric Fuller

Sincerely,

James Fuller