MEMO

To: Arizona Corporation Commission, Docket Control

From: Office of Chairman Susan Bitter Smith

Date: July 17, 2015

Re: APS
E-01345A-13-0248

Chairman Bitter Smith’s office has received approximately 120 emails regarding the above docket number. A copy of those emails is available on eDocket.
Dear Chairman Bitter Smith,

Solar is the future. Please don't let corporate greed come before what's right.

Sincerely,

martha gee
Dear Chairman Bitter Smith,

It's a criminal world we live in APS & SRP! Thanks to your profit taking and money making ways, you have lead the total population to digest your so called wants and needs!

Now it's time to come clean and be truthful with regards to our so called "rate case"! Let's be fair and give everyone a chance to play the game! Let's give the ACC the ability to review this issue - a rate case!

Stop trying to pull the wool over our eyes here people, we're not going to stand for it...

Sincerely,

Nicholas Acciardo
Dear Chairman Bitter Smith,

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Sincerely,

martha gee
Dear Chairman Bitter Smith,

We want you to stick to your word or there will be legal consequences... We all fight you for years to come... solar is here to stay and lead the way for clean energy... help to build the future.

Sincerely,

valery Dubon
Dear Chairman Bitter Smith,

Solar power is clean energy that benefits us all. Why would you want to make a waste of time and money to homeowners?

Sincerely,

Cathi Hess
Dear Chairman Bitter Smith,

You will put solar out of business with rate increases.

Sincerely,

Carol Evans
Dear Chairman Bitter Smith,

I just added solar to my home. It is a significant cost investment. I also want to contribute to saving energy. If APS is allowed to increase or add a fee for solar then the investment is lost. Their premise is not based on facts. They will incur more costs or have to pass costs onto other customers they will be saving costs of new infrastructure. The electric bill already has a ton of fees for line charges. Bill charges meter reading, taxes. The generation of electricity is a small part of the bill. The electric companies have a false argument make them show real numbers on why they need to raise rate for solar. It's a thinly veiled argument the real reason is solar is competition and they want to kill it or make money from it.

Sincerely,

William Riera
Dear Chairman Bitter Smith,

We need a 2nd power choice that allows us to go green. We need change to help mother earth and solar is a choice. Don't raise rates and chase solar out of AZ.

Sincerely,

Cory Fricke
Dear Chairman Bitter Smith,

no extra charges to solar customers!

Sincerely,

Linda baugh
Dear Chairman Bitter Smith,

Please, encourage utilities to find away to subsidize solar panels for customers. This could allow each home with solar to be a generator for the utility. DO NOT penalize customers for purchasing solar system.

Sincerely,

Marty Escarcega
Dear Chairman Bitter Smith,

It is so sad to see how a LARGE Profit Making Company is standing on the side lines crying that they are not making ENOUGH Money!

Our question to you should be, how much money is enough? May I ask, HOW MUCH MONEY are you wishing to fleece from your rate paying community?

Don't hide behind solar or look to commit a fraud representing the truth...Solar pays for itself, but unfortunately the rate payers of Arizona will never be fully able to appreciate this due to the facts at hand!

Solar pays for itself...No exposure to criminal actions and toxic chemicals is required!

It is SHAMEFUL that the State of Arizona is trying to hide the truth...Enough of this CRIMINAL activity APS...Let the little guy have a chance at what is his for FREE!

Enough said...APS is a criminal corporation and the State of Arizona should begin an investigation into its existence!

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Sincerely,

Nicholas Acciardo
Dear Chairman Bitter Smith,

Don't be mislead by the cruel and mischievous ways of your "other members"!

Remember...Your word is your saving grace and what you say you mean! Don't let the big money profit making power utilities undermine the job that you are being paid to do!

You work for us...not them! Taking payouts, graft, bribes, or money from an association which is here to fairly and justifiably represent our needs is wrong!

Stop the game playing and listen to our needs! Follow the law and listen to the voters!

Sincerely,

Nicholas Acciardo
Dear Chairman Bitter Smith,

Dear Commissioner,

I am writing today to address the rather spurious attempt by regulated utilities to pull an end around the rate case and rule process long ago established for such devious attempts as they clearly do make now. Even APS agrees. In August, an APS spokesman said “We have consistently said we have no current plans to ask the commission for any change in the $5-per-month charge on residential rooftop solar installations prior to the next rate case because we are focused on the broader rate-design discussion.”

*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 and long established 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.

It goes without saying the Commission should stick to their word and not let utilities raise rates outside of the proper venue. I appreciate your keeping your word to the voters in this matter and regard.

Sincerely,

Jeff Dahlgren.
Phoenix, Arizona

Sincerely,

Jeff Dahlgren
Dear Chairman Bitter Smith,

Do not try to circumvent the system.....

Sincerely,

barbara mcclure
Dear Chairman Bitter Smith,

HOW can you allow them to charge residential solar users?!!! I say, "users", because they are not "customers" of theirs. HOW do they, can they, charge for the sun?!!!
They have NO RIGHT!
STICK TO YOUR WORD!

Ann E Di Sciascio

Sincerely,

Ann Di Sciascio
Dear Chairman Bitter Smith,

We have the absolute opportunity to be number one in the use of solar in the world. Taxing it to discourage its use because there is no profit for the utility companies is unconscionable.

Sincerely,

Joanne Woods
Dear Chairman Bitter Smith,

Why is the Great State of Arizona...a model to the rest of our nation allowing our sole proprietary power utilities to go against their word?

Here are the main issues which need to be addressed;

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.

This is why the Arizona Corporation Commission exists...to enact fair practices, not scam practices!

Let's do this correctly...

Sincerely,

Nicholas Acciardo
Dear Chairman Bitter Smith,

Why doesn't the Arizona Corporation Commission or "ACC" play this game fair? Are we on the same page here? I don't think we are...Here why!

Even APS agrees. In August, an APS spokesman said “We have consistently said we have no current plans to ask the commission for any change in the $5-per-month charge on residential rooftop solar installations prior to the next rate case because we are focused on the broader rate-design discussion.”. Now they are changing the game plan...WHY?

Let's do this correctly and give us a BREAK!

Sincerely,

Nicholas Acciardo
Dear Chairman Bitter Smith,

Why is APS looking to change their agreement...Let's be on the level here!!!

Why do you, the commission in charge of giving the residents of Arizona yet another power company rate increase feel it necessary to HURT consumers?

For years now, APS has been getting away with killing their basic customer...Me the rate payer! As elected officials, you should feel the need to first listen to the paying customers as we voice our concern over impractical and judge mental calls. It has gone on too long here in Arizona and our country!

Let the rate study be conducted when scheduled and let our voices be heard!

Sincerely,

Nicholas Acciardo
Dear Chairman Bitter Smith,

To whom it may concern,

I'm tired of trying to be ripped off by these monopolies. The people getting solar are trying to help the environment as well as their pocket books and it appears that these power companies don't want that. They want to penalize us. If the power companies were smart you would think that they would be pushing to compete with these solar companies by offering solar. In this way they wouldn't have to increase their expenditures to fill the need for electricity for their customers.

Thanks for taking the time to read this.

Sincerely,

John Fife
Dear Chairman Bitter Smith,

Please do not raise solar fees!

Sincerely,

Ryan jacques
Dear Chairman Bitter Smith,

Thank you guys for the help for nothing

Sincerely,

fredy lopez
Dear Chairman Bitter Smith,

I really don't have a lot to say other than AZ needs to deregulate. It seems to work in Texas and their economy is very strong.

Sincerely,

Gene Lilley
Dear Chairman Bitter Smith,

Quit siding with utilities against consumers trying to do the right thing. Utilities get to sell their generated power to other states many times for more money than the get in Arizona. Solar is not a burden on the power companies. They make money on it and are only trying to pad their pockets. Remember you work for the citizens of Arizona not the big corporations.

Sincerely,

Mike Mciver
Dear Chairman Bitter Smith,

Please, no rate changes outside of normal rate hearings.

Sincerely,

Michael Lind
Dear Chairman Bitter Smith,

A man is only as good as his word!

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Dunham
Dear Chairman Bitter Smith,

Regardless of it all...you and the others who are so called "responsible" for our states power distribution are outright liars!

Just look at what is going on here today...Four distribution companies are looking to levy rate charges for SOLAR CUSTOMERS outside of their established procedures! It must be tough to see so many hard working people reduct their dependence for public utilities! Here we are thinking of saving our planet, and all you feel necessary is MONEY MAKING! It's is shameful!!,

Let's do this correctly Arizona...The commission should stick to their word and not let utilities raise rates outside of the proper venue!

Let's do this right...Ok

Sincerely,

Nicholas Acciardo
Teresa Tenbrink

To: BitterSmith-Web

Dear Chairman Bitter Smith,

Solar use should be encouraged. If the utilities are providing a service to support the solar installation, then an additional charge makes sense. Otherwise it smacks off "I want to punish you for using a competing product." The utility commission should follow all normal governance procedures to represent the interests of Arizonans.

Sincerely,

Diana Lewis
Dear Chairman Bitter Smith,

Don’t raise our rates APS !!!

What more of a reason do we need in order for our word to be heard! You’ve been hammering your solar customers for years now, while still profiting off of our collected generation revenue. Why is that? It is not fair!

Why do you feel that it is OK to raise the rates of your collective solar customers? Follow the law and collectively review the rate case and the utilities shouldn’t get special treatment when they want it! It is not legal...

Sincerely,

Nicholas Acciardo
Dear Chairman Bitter Smith,

Please do not increase utility rates just for solar customers, how is that fair? Rate increases should be looked at in a rate case; the commission needs to stick to their word and not let utilities raise rates outside of the proper venue.

Sincerely,

Kathy Rampy
Dear Chairman Bitter Smith,

We live in the valley of the sun please stick to your word and don't kill solar. My electric bill has been cut to one third at a cost to me of $22,000. Thank you as a solar customer and a customer of APS.

Sincerely,

John Fatuzzo
Dear Chairman Bitter Smith,

Dear Commissioners,

There should be no exceptions to rate cases! Keep your word on this issue and mandate that the four utilities who want to unjustly raise rates by taxing solar households must do so only after a hearing held in the proper venue. No utility should be exempt from the established hearing process for discussing solar tax rates and increases. Further the use of solar should be encouraged and not discouraged with taxes in the valley of the sun and the entire state of Arizona. I've seen the chairman herself in action on other issues and have little confidence this letter will make any difference, however I still urge you to do the right thing on behalf of those who you really should be representing, the consumers of this state.

Sincerely,

Jay Burwell
Dear Chairman Bitter Smith,

Keep solar affordable for all.

Sincerely,

Carol Evans
Dear Chairman Bitter Smith,

Welcome to the buggy whip industry. The iron horse is changing everything! People should pay more to support the buggy whips because there are less of them! How unfair!

Sincerely,

Bobbie Kithcart
Dear Chairman Bitter Smith,

Stick to your word.

Sincerely,

Steve Fay
Dear Chairman Bitter Smith,

Arizona is the perfect state to encourage homeowners to use solar energy. Please keep the hurdles down and make it less of a burden for Arizona residents to begin using this clean, endlessly renewable source of energy. Imagine how groundbreaking our state would be and the attention it would get world-wide if solar energy would be encouraged and not penalized.

Sincerely,

Pamela Park
Dear Chairman Bitter Smith,

Commissioners,

Please convince the utilities to follow the procedure of going to a Rate Case in regard to raising rates on Solar systems.

Regards, Rick

Sincerely,

Rick Gonzalez
Dear Chairman Bitter Smith,

Solar is the future of not only our state and country but also the world. Please do not hamper or put extra taxes or fees on solar.

Sincerely,

Linda baugh
Dear Chairman Bitter Smith,

Please stick to your word that you told the citizens when you got elected

Sincerely,

mike coyle
Dear Chairman Bitter Smith,

WOW...I still can not believe that your supporting the total destruction of Arizona's solar power systems.

Given all of the positive action that solar gives to the public, I can not believe that you are not supporting these systems more so.

I would like to know why the State of Arizona hasn't gotten on board with its review of this phony accusations!

Please listen to me ...Let me know why your commission hadn't engaged the LAW and get the truth outside of it locked box!

Sincerely,

Nicholas Acciardo
Dear Chairman Bitter Smith,

We have been told by the government to look for new avenues to provide power. Well in a city like Phoenix and the weather we experience solar energy is the right choice. After many have invested thousands of dollars to help out with the potential savings in the further to help their budget the last thing they need is for the utilities raise their rates. There are ways you as utilities can reduce your costs by implementing more solar and wind power. I am not nieve enough to know there is a cost and it takes time. You have a President in office that says look for alternative energy and we the people are doing that when are corporations going to do their part. We have learned to live on a very tight budget maybe it is time you do the same thing. There are correct channels to go through and by side stepping those channels you are not showing the public that put you into office a warm and fussy feeling.

As Commissioners, elected by we the people, need to be honest and do the right thing. I ask that you rethink your position and be fair to us citizens that are doing our part in changing the footprint and moving forward on utilizing the sun to help provide power.

Sincerely,

Josie Shears
Dear Chairman Bitter Smith,

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The Commission should stick to their word and not let utilities raise rates outside of the proper venue.

Sincerely,

michael flanagan
Dear Chairman Bitter Smith,

You begged me to invest in solar and now you want to punish me for doing it.

Sincerely,

Roger Reusch
Dear Chairman Bitter Smith,

Keep your word

Sincerely,

Curtis McLennan
Dear Chairman Bitter Smith,

Stick to your word - wait for due process and a rate case.

Sincerely,

Pamela Allen
Dear Chairman Bitter Smith,

You have stated that you will not be swayed by your decisions but just remember you are an elected official and you can be voted out of office just as easy.

Sincerely,

Owen Witty
Dear Chairman Bitter Smith,

When you tax the sun you remind me of bootleggers in support of Prohibition.

Sincerely,

Chris Fleischman
Dear Chairman Bitter Smith,

Please hold off till regular rate case time. Thanks.

Sincerely,

Charles Ivey
Dear Chairman Bitter Smith,

This crazy mind set...It needs to stop! Why is it so hard to understand what it feels like to be human!

Please think hard and rethink again...your choice in raising or looking to raise our rates...YET AGAIN!

Sincerely,

Nicholas Acciardo
Dear Chairman Bitter Smith,

We need a rate case... OR better a flat rate for grid connection for ALL customers. Targeting solar customers is discriminatory. My neighbor just installed EnergyStar Appliances and a variable speed pool pump. He's saving about 50 bucks a month. Why should I pay more than him, if I install a solar project that saves me about 50 bucks a month? We are both in need of the grid. The only equitable solution would be for us both to have a single line item on our electric bill with an equal monthly grid connection fee.

Sincerely,

Craig Murphy
Dear Chairman Bitter Smith,

We purchased expensive solar panels in order to reduce utility expenses in retirement. It saves us about $100 per month. If you allow these new fees for solar (we already pay an extra fee for line maintenance), we will be out $15,000 and be saving very little! The other utility got away with a $50 fee, this should not happen with APS! People went to great expense to help reduce air pollution in Phoenix, our savings on utilities should not be taken away simply to replace profits for the utility companies. They are making plenty of money. Please stand up for individuals who made the investment in our community in good faith. Thank you!

Sincerely,

gayle wiens
Dear Chairman Bitter Smith,

i am a new solar owner. Raising rates will kill rooftop solar in Arizona. the idea that solar customers will get a unfair use of the grid is simply wrong. Paying our fair share is already in our bills. Solar is not for the rich. It will be if you raise the rates since the average customer will not be able to install if the rate of return on there investment is reduced by a rate hike. Aps is using a false argument. They should be saving money by not having to add to the grid. Aps is simply worked about competition from rooftop solar and is trying to slow it down please do your job and protect the consumer

Sincerely,

William Riera
Dear Chairman Bitter Smith,

The fair process for discussing solar rates is in a rate case. By failing to use this process the Commission is simply being transparent in its contempt for electricity consumers and in its love affair with power companies. When considering the net benefit to society at large from solar, doing anything to suppress the market for grid-connected solar PV is also pathological.

Sincerely,

Christopher Dusch
Dear Chairman Bitter Smith,

please use caution when implementing procedures when it comes to energy use. We must work together, put greed aside & focus on the bigger picture. Our world is running in a direction which, if not corrected, will mean a very big change in how society functions. Our natural resources have been used in an unsustainable manner. We are at a turning point. We can either get serious about the need for changes in how we currently address the water, energy, food nexus. Or, we will pay the consequences in the not too distant future. Please, lets do the right thing for society, our peoples & the world. We cannot afford to do otherwise. Together we can make it a better world.

Sincerely,

DiAnn Bottomley
Dear Chairman Bitter Smith,

I am planning to add solar panels soon to my new home in Peoria, AZ. Please consider the implications of imposing further fees on solar customers. We should be focused on harnessing the energy of the sun, especially here in AZ. If you all kowtow to big energy, others across the nation will be cynical about their efforts to reduce greenhouse emissions. Be bold and stand strong for the solar industry. Thanks for reading. Stu von Wald, Peoria, AZ

Sincerely,

Stu von Wald
Dear Chairman Bitter Smith,

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Sincerely,

Wayne Johnson
Dear Chairman Bitter Smith,

What is wrong with you greedy people? I’m ashamed that I even get to pay for your utility services. Get it together right for the people not your pockets...

Sincerely,

Victor Bain
Dear Chairman Bitter Smith,

People are looking at clean renewable sources for power. They should not be penalized for the foresight that we need to change now before it is too late. The power companies profit from excess power generated by these panels. If you continue people will completely disconnect from the power grid, and as you should know this is now possible.

Sincerely,

James Weeder
Dear Chairman Bitter Smith,

Please do your job for the PEOPLE of Arizona

Sincerely,

Larry Merrix
Dear Chairman Bitter Smith,

acc, distributed generation solar power the best thing for Arizona citizens and Arizona. Please do what you were elected to do and the fans Arizona and the Arizona citizens. support solar power in Arizona.listen to the people in an open rate case meeting if they want to increase fees on solar customers.

Sincerely,

Keith Rowley
Dear Chairman Bitter Smith,

Dear elected commissioners,

I am a taxpayer in Fountain Hills Arizona 85268. Please remember we elected you and stick to your word, by only discussing solar rates in the proper venue - a rate case. This allows for due process and for the ACC to evaluate all rates together.

Sincerely,

Giuseppe Carella
Dear Chairman Bitter Smith,

Please !!! For the LOVE of GOD, use your heads and remember that solar is an option for everyone, not just the chosen few!

We, who have chosen to install solar collections at our home have done it for a reason...to help save this PLANET !!! The profit taking mindset has proven to be wrong and is going in the wrong direction.

Please...Use your heads and help save this world! We've done our small part, now you could do the same! Stop pushing your votes in favor of the MULTI MILLION DOLLAR power companies who have seems to buy your votes...It's time to act on the behalf of the people who put you in office!

Please act promptly and review the noted bills as they should not become law!

Sincerely,

Nicholas Acciardo
Dear Chairman Bitter Smith,

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,

Jesse Bertelsen
Dear Chairman Bitter Smith,

Please explain to me why you would not discuss a rate increase in the proper venue. You were not elected to play games with the rules. Utility rate increases should be based on facts, not politics.

Sincerely,

Tom Corpron
Dear Chairman Bitter Smith,

Commissioners:

I'm writing to respectfully request that you deny TEP's proposed net metering changes, along with those of APS, Trico, et. al.

#1 Any rate change like this should be considered as a part of a General Rate Case that can address the utility's root problem and offer an appropriate solution. #2 Changing the net metering rates for rooftop solar customers is not a fair solution to a utility's revenue challenges.

On a personal note, I'd like to join the solar revolution and work in solar in our home state of Arizona. I know I'm not alone. But, in the middle of the interview process with a local solar installer in Tucson recently, new positions were put on hold pending your decision on this net metering proposal by TEP.

You can directly impact my family of four and I'm sure several other job seekers in Arizona. Also, an old college buddy runs a small solar installation business in Tucson called Net Zero. This afternoon, I saw him sitting nervously with other small business owners at TRICO's hearing in Tucson before Judge Rodda. Local businesses say this net metering change could tip the scale for customers and persuade them to pass on solar.

I'm just a citizen. My wife and I are not connected to powerful lobbies with any influence. But we elected you to represent our interests on the Corporation Commission, so we're really hoping you'll listen.

Thank you for your consideration. With kindest regards.

Tim and Melanie Sultan
Oro Valley, AZ

Sincerely,

Tim Sultan
Dear Chairman Bitter Smith,

I STRONGLY OPPOSE ANY AND ALL EFFORTS MADE BY THE ACC, APS AND SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS' ON FURTHER ENCROACHMENTS ON SOLAR POWER USERS

Sincerely,

JOHN CAVALLO
Dear Chairman Bitter Smith,

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Sincerely,

Mark Lyzwa
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Sincerely,

terry wooldridge
Dear Chairman Bitter Smith,

I am an APS customer who has solar panels on my home in Scottsdale and I don't want my rates to go up for doing a good thing for our air quality.

Installing solar also created some jobs that couldn't be outsourced to foreign countries and those jobs are good for the economy.

The costs of installing solar, WITH government incentives, made the solar likely to be less expensive than not doing solar, but the jury is still out on that score.

The numbers were close enough that we chose to install solar for the environmental benefits and hoped it will prove to be cheaper in the long run.

If the ACC goes back on its word and allows the big power companies to impose more costs to solar customers it will discourage solar in Arizona.

Arizona should be the leader of the country for solar. It creates good paying jobs, pays taxes, prevents pollutants getting into our air and water.

Please do not discourage individuals from competing with the big utilities in this way.

Sincerely,

Sue E. Dean
Dear Chairman Bitter Smith,

Please quit doing the dirty work for government protected monopolies and coal. APS already makes money off of my solar panels that I maintain, by selling my energy during peak times to other customers at a higher rate. If I see a rate increase, I will not hesitate to purchase a Tesla Powerwall and disconnect from the grid entirely. I know the smear campaigns about solar costing utilities is false and that, in fact, they are making a profit off of solar, albeit less than they were when I was unable to use clean, sustainable energy. Driving up solar prices, will only hurt your business more and more as people flock to battery options.

Sincerely,

Josh Spradling
Dear Chairman Bitter Smith,

Dear Commission,

I know you won't read much of this but I'll break it down into two thoughts. I work in the solar industry.

1.) With Battery technology on the rise and becoming more affordable, I think we need to re-develop a plan that is a blend between the 12-7 TOU and the Demand based combined advantage. This will allow users the true incentive to shave peaks as APS deems beneficial. THIS WOULD BE A GAME CHANGER and provide APS the relief during your demand times (ending most of the short term cost shift for solar users)

2.) The rate hike for solar should be discussed at the next rate meeting-- not whenever APS deems fit. It would not ever do this in other scenarios.

Sincerely,

Adam Day
Dear Chairman Bitter Smith,

You folks are going to be in for a surprise if you behave like the idiots from salt river power and APS...the people can only take so much...leave the solar energy companies alone and stop your associations with the power Company we are not fools. Michael Cataldo

Sincerely,

Michael Cataldo
Dear Chairman Bitter Smith,

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Sincerely,

John Spall
Dear Chairman Bitter Smith,

Four utilities are trying to raise rates for solar customers outside of established procedures. I feel strongly that utilities should not get special treatment in raising rates for solar; a rate raise should have to go through the normal process for discussing such rates in a rate case before the Commission.

All Commissioners, and APS, have stated that solar rates should be looked at in a rate case and the Commission should keep their word and not let utilities raise rates outside of the correct process and venue.

Sincerely,

James & Kathleen Day
Dear Chairman Bitter Smith,

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Sincerely,

Debra Chavez
Ms. Bitter-Smith, et.al

As an electric vehicle (EV) owner an APS customer, I follow APS concerns regarding solar power competition and maintaining their infrastructure with interest. It seems to any experienced business person that they are "taking their eye off the ball" in that regard. The goal of any prosperous business is to expand sales...to first of all grow the top line. APS is seeking salvation by muddling around down in the expense area.

Perhaps instead of spending in the area of getting commissioners elected, they could investigate means to grow sales, as any free market economy doe

I recommend for your reading the attached link.

Kindest regards,
Ron Porter

SDG&E to set up 550 electric vehicle charging stations

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San Diego Gas & Electric announced Wednesday that an array of automakers, labor representatives, environmentalists and service providers has agreed to support the...
Chairperson and Commissioners

I am considering going to solar power in my home. The recent request by APS, has me worried that I may end up in a lease contract that could result in my paying more monthly; if there is an addition to the grid fee that currently exists. I would truly like to know where you stand on this issue. Will you support APS in a $50+ a month fee? It seems like they are benefiting from solar customers as well. Will they charge their own solar customers this fee? All in all, it would appear that APS doesn’t want customers to have a choice. A hike in the grid maintenance fee would scare potential solar customers away from going to solar power. So, doesn’t it appear that companies that install and offer solar, along with APS, are the only ones benefiting monetarily from solar? What about the consumer? It doesn’t seem fair that APS can keep asking for more money every year. When does that stop? Please clarify your position on this issue. If the increases are going to be supported by the ACC, I may have to reconsider my solar venture... I would like to make a good choice for my family, and the environment.

Thank You For Your Time.

Sincerely,

Mike Pellegrim
Engineering Mgr.
www.alumcoprecision.com
Dear Chairman Bitter Smith,

Chairman and All Commissioners-You have to look at the future of AZ with respect to the cost of Solar Energy - not just the wishes of the Officers and Directors of APS.
Please use the 'Rate Case Venue' to decide all electric rates including Solar.

Thank you -Quent Augspurger P.E.
Founder Augspurger Komm Engineering and
Former member of the Arizona Solar Energy Commission

Sincerely,

Quent Augspurger
Dear Chairman Bitter Smith,

- 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.

Stick to your word!

Sincerely,

Craig Schmidlin
Dear Chairman Bitter Smith,

Four of the five utilities are trying to levy charges on solar customers outside of established procedures. The fifth is trying to raise the rates an exorbitant amount which is taxing to us as solar and homeowners.

• Utilities shouldn't get rates special treatment to raise rates.
• The fair process for discussing solar rates is in a rate case. They are just trying to create an energy monopoly.
• All Commissioners, and APS, have stated that solar rates should be looked at in a rate case.
Which means that they are trying to bend rules to gain their domination of energy in the state • The Commission should stick to their word and not let utilities raise rates outside of the proper venue.

Sincerely,

Henry Harding
Dear Chairman Bitter Smith,

My name is John R. LaPorte. I am a 61 year old military retiree; still employed full time. I invested in a 7.92kW roof-top system three and a half years ago. I use the word “invested” because I actually withdrew $20k from my retirement to pay for my portion of the system; after rebates and tax credits. My thinking was that after the system paid for itself in savings; I would then have a hedge against future utility rate increases. So far my strategy appears to be successful with a better ROI than my retirement savings; paying for itself with a breakeven point of May of 2020.

Now with respect to the current issue (or continuing issue) of APS attempting to request additional levies against grid-tied solar customers outside of the established “rate case” proceeding I ask you to consider the following.

Since January of this year, all APS customers have already incurred one new charge, three increases, and one decrease; just in fees. Specifically they are ACC# 5883 (addition) & 5884 (increase) -1 Jan 05, #5886-1 Feb 05 (decrease), #5887-1 Mar 05, and #5888-1 Apr 05 (increases). The net difference calculates to be $0.034016/kWh net increase.

Had I not invested in solar, that increase multiplied by 20590kWh I drew and/or used for the past 12 months equals a $700.39 annual increase (multiply that by 1.1 million customers). Three and a half cents doesn't seem like much on its own, but it sure does compound.

Every ACC approved increase is yet another threat to, and/or cut in, my annual retirement funding. The ACC should consider that we solar owners have an investment to protect just as APS's investors do. ACC should also keep all “rate case” proceedings in open forum as they have been; and should continue to be.

Thank you for your kind attention.

John R. LaPorte

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John LaPorte