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To: Utilities Div - Mailbox  
Subject: APS proposal to raise solar rates 400%

I am against APS increasing fees on customers that use the “grid”. I have just decided to invest thousands of dollars to install solar electric panels on my home to save some money on my electric bill. I would like to be able to run my air conditioner more that I do now as well. Living in this heat is terrible and makes me not want to do anything. I usually keep my home at 84 F in order to be able to afford my APS bill.

I don’t see why I should have to pay any fee for using solar power. I will still need the grid, but not as much, so will still be paying fees for electricity I get from APS, so why must I pay fees for investing my hard earned money into solar power?

We hear all the time to do things to reduce our electricity usage and conserve, but when we do, the power companies make less money and then they want to charge us more to make up for it. This has to stop! The power companies must learn to adjust their expenses as well, not just their customers. If people use less power, then APS needs to decrease its expenses. It is that simple. APS should not be able to charge me a fee for solar power unless APS pays for my solar power system!

Please forward this letter to those that will make the decision to approve APS increasing fees on solar power users. Already I feel like I am making a mistake. If I save $50 a month because of solar, then have to pay $20 a month for having solar, it does not make sense. I need to get back the money I am putting out for solar. APS is a monopoly and should not be allowed to charge anyone for having solar and being on the grid. Maybe I should invest in a closed system so I don’t need APS for anything. Please do not let APS increase fees on their customers that use solar power. Already they pay customers very little for their excess power their solar system produces that APS routes into nearby...
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homes and then charges those customers the standard power rate per kW hour. It is ridiculous that APS wants to charge the solar customer a fee as well. I have no desire to install solar so APS can make a profit off any excess power my solar system will produce.

I am sick and tired of APS. I think they are lying about the costs of the grid.

Sincerely,

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